



Landslide forecast for Labour

Tories facing worst defeat this century, say TV exit polls

FONY BLAIR will today ent Downing Street as the first Labour prime minister for 18 years after a landslide victory. according to surveys of voters as they left the polling booths

With the glorious sunshine of the hottest day of the year boosting the general election temperatures reached 25C in London -Labour appeared to be on course to achieve its first working majority for 31 years. An NOP exit poll for the

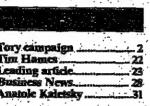
BBC put the Labour vote at 47 per cent, the Conservatives at 29 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 18. The poll sugsted a massive victory for Labour and the worst result

A Mori exit poll for ITN predicted that Labour would win with a 159-seat Commons majority. It forecast that Mr Blair's party would have 409 seats, the Tories 177, the Liberal Democrats 45 and other parties 28.

John Prescott described the and vision of Tony Blair."

If the exit polls were borne out by the actual results, the Conservative Party faced a catastophic result, with swaths of seats - including some held by Cabinet minis-ters — being lost across the

COUTILITY John Major, who fought a brave, almost lonely, fight in since the Second World War seems certain to stand down as party leader. He is expected to make his intentions dear today, opening the way for a



contest that is likely to involve several Cabinet ministers and John Redwood, the defeated challenger in 1995. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary who will certainly be a candi-date fo the Right, said: "The Conservative Party has done itself no good by showing its

Asked about Mr Major's position, he replied: We do of have the outcome yet. When we do, John Major can consider it. He will not need ny advice from me." The Conservatives have no



How could you? Every day for 18 years he brings you the paper in the morning

vere not making the kind of breakthrough necessary to give them any kind of chance. In truth they probably started losing the election in the autumn of 1992 when European exchange-rate mechanism, an episode that ment's reputation for economstence. At the same time the Conservative parliamentary party became convulsed by an argument about Britain's future relations with

trously for Mr Major three reeks ago when he and his with more than 200 of them -

Mr Major's hopes of profitly derailed, when the cash-forplestions affair returned to haunt him. In spite of persis-Minister Neil Hamilton insisted on his right to contest the Cheshire seat of Tatton while he continued to proclaim his innocence of charges being investigated by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Sir Gordon Downey. His stand provoked Labour and Liberal Democrats to withdraw their candidates in the constituency, leaving the way clear for the former BBC broadcaster Martin Bell to challenge him on an anti-

sleaze ticket. The Tory campaign was



Tony and Cherie Blair taking the "pretty route" to vote with their children Kathryn. Nicholas and Euan in Trimdon, co Durham vesterda

further hampered by a structural dispute at its heart. While Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, wanted to to run on the "Britain is Booming Don't Let Labour Blow it theme, highlighting the the growing success of the econo--my, the Eurosceptics were convinced that an anti-single currency stance would be decisive. Belatedly Mr Major. played the Europe card. But he gave a confused message by concentrating on allega-tions the Labour would sign up to a federal Europe, while

he was himself unable to rule out a single currency. At the beginning of last week when a "rogue" poli put the Labour lead at only five points there was a glimmer of hope for the Conservatives. But their plan, announced at the end of March, for a reform of old-age pensions had not gone down well on the doorsteps and Labour shamelessly exploited the position by alleging that the state pension was

going to be abolished. The Conservatives had no choice but to hit back, claiming that Mr Blair and his colleagues were liars. But any momentum that had gained from the Europe attack was

Labour, thwarted in 1992 when victory seemed within their grasp, fought a cautious campaign designed to protect its lead. It will be seen as a huge personal triumph for Mr Blair, who along with Gordon Brown and a handful of other "modernisers" founded new Labour after he took over in July 1994, convincing the electorate that a fresh party was

on offer. A key element in its success has been the removal of Labour's ancient tax-andspend image which has damaged its at all recent elections. The Shadow Chancellor's decision to rule out income tax rises for a Parliament was a key move in killing the fear

Mr Blair, hesitant at first, visibly strengthened as the campaign proceeded and the prospect of victory came closer. Today he will be the first Labour leader since James Callaghan to form a Cabinet.

Mr Brown will become his Chancellor, Robin Cook his Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, his Home Secretary, and Mr Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister and environment overlord. On the Conservative side, attention will soon switch to the leadership contest which is expected in late June or early July. Certain contenders are Mr Portillo, Michael Heseltine, Michael Howard, Mr Redwood, Stephen Dorrell, Kenneth Clarke and possibly William Hague and Malcolm

Thousands left to die in Zaire

The sick, the wounded and those too weak to walk are being left to die in the mud of the Zairean rainforest. Every hour another group of Rwandan refugees, some with horrific wounds, emerges from the forest. They trudge towards an assembly point or collapse by the side of the rutted road." David Orr reports from

Attempt to arrest Nadir in Turkey

The Serious Fraud Office has sent officers to Turkey in an attempt to have Asil Nadir arrasted and returned to Britain after he said he would travel to Turkey from northem Cyprus. Nadir fied four years ago before appearing on theft and false accounting



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Jail for judge who drove while five times over limit

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent "the albatross of alcoholism"

and detailed 15 years of stress

in his married and legal life.

became an Admiralty counsel

sinking of the Herald of Free

Enterprise, which cost 193

A medical report suggested that the judge could have been

affected long-term by studying

the communications between

sinking ships and shore. Mr Pascoe said. They were the

last words of men without

hope knowing they were going

In 1980, he said, Reeder

A JUDGE who drove while almost five times over the alcohol limit was jailed for five months yesterday. Chelten-ham Magistrates Court also imposed a four-year driving ban on John Reeder, QC, a high-flying Admiralty counsel who sat as a recorder in various crown courts. Reeder's wife Pauline wept

in the public benches as he was led from the dock to begin his sentence. The magistrates rejected a bail application by Nigel Pascoe, QC, who said he would appeal. The court had heard that

Reeder, 48, from Tolleshunt, Maldon, Essex, was tested at Chehenham police station after a road accident on the Cirencester-Cheltenham road at 10.50am on April 4.

· His Range Rover pulled out from a minor road into the path of another car, causing it to roll over several times and injuring the occupants. Police found that the recorder had a bottle containing vodka in his pocket. He told officers at the scene "It is my fault."

After a night in the cells he admitted a drink-drive offence and his case was adjourned until today for reports. Reeder resigned as a recorder two days after the hearing.
In minigation Mr Pascoe

referred the bench to numerous letters of support, two doctors' reports and a probation report. He told the bench that Reeder had suffered from

Reeder: suffered stress and alcohol problems

to their deaths." Most trained lawyers were able to put such harrowing evidence behind them but it appeared that Reeder was not one of them. Reeder had serious prob-

- the youngest ever to be appointed, when he was 31. lems with alcohol from 1984 to But the highly prized position 1986. Before the break-up in brought enormous stress.

As counsel he had to deal with major disasters such as 1987 of his first marriage he and his wife had tried in vain on six occasions to have a child through fertility treatment. There were also financial the loss of the Penlee lifeboat, in which six men died, the European Gateway tragedy in problems. Reeder is likely to be diswhich six were lost and the

barred, putting an end to his career as a barrister, Mr Pascoe said. All the background problems had contributed to an exceptionally high level of stress for the "fragile personality". The Lord Chancellor, Lord

Mackay of Clashfern, has made clear that drink-driving is to be regarded as so grave as to amount to misbehaviour which can lead to dismissal. In 1993, a district judge, Angus MacArthur, was fined £3,000 and banned for two

years after being found guilty of drink-driving.

Magistrates found guilty of drink-driving offences are automatically removed from the bench, but judges are not. The Lord Chancellor has justified the difference by saying that judges earn their full livelihood from their posts and JPs do not. However in practice a serious drink-driving could lead

dismissal

Mother who was refused Down's test wins £300,000

By Emma Wilkins

than at 26.

This information

26-year-old. Richard Davies,

Major Roberts, who denied

telling her the risks were the

same as for a 26-year-old,

conceded that he had advised

Mrs Hurley against the test and warned her that she

risked aborting what was

QC, told the court.

A WOMAN who gave birth to a boy with Down's syndrome after a military doctor advised her against a screening test won £300,000 compensation yesterday, ending a six-year battle with the Ministry of

Sandra Hurley, who was 35 when her son Manhew was born, said that she was "deliriously happy" with the sudden settlement on the fourth day of a hearing at the High Court in London. The ministry, which did not admit liability, will also pay Mrs Hurley's costs.

Mrs Hurley, now 42, from Aldershot, Hampshire, plans to buy her son a computer and a pony and to take the boy and his nine-year-old sister, Leah, on holiday to Australia. Most of the money will be placed in trust for Matthew's future. "I am absolutely delirious

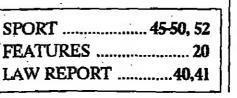
with happiness. I brought this action to secure Matthew's future and the money will really help me to help him." Mrs Hurley said. She sued the MoD for

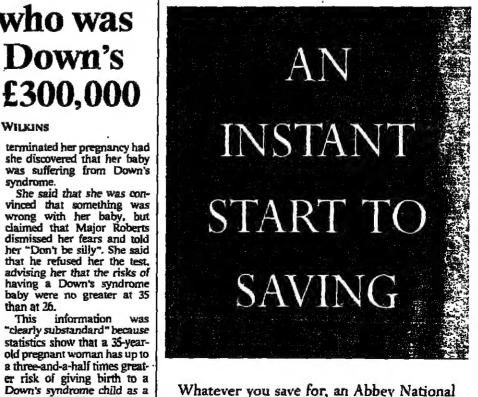
damages claiming medical negligence after Major Lawrence Roberts of the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, advised her against taking an amniocentesis test. The procedure carries a 1 per cent charice of miscarriage. During her evidence, Mrs Hurley told Mr Justice Hooper that she would have

probably a perfectly healthy Major Roberts, who has since left the Army, said that

the Cambridge did not consider amniocentesis for women under 37 in 1990. It was an option for those between 37 and 39, and it was automatically offered to those over 40.

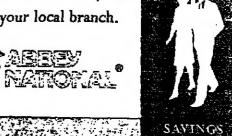
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Around 2,000 supporters of Poland's ruling post-communist party, the Social Democrats, on a May Day march in Warsaw with a banner reading "Good luck Tony Blair" and a placard of the Labour leader. One explained that, with parts of eastern Europe moving to the political Right, a leading country in the West might "go a little bit Left"

Tories 'played into our hands'

A CONFIDENT Labour leadership yesterday mounted a strong defence of the party's election campaign strategy.

Senior sources close to Tony Blair claimed that Labour had

got "an awful lot right" in the campaign while the Tories had presented voters with a confused message and a divid-

The fact that the claims came in an off-the-record briefing to journalists yesterday afternoon, well before the polls closed, signalled Labour's confidence of an election victory. The briefing was effectively a pre-emptive attempt to get across Labour's version of the campaign before the Tories. However, the Labour sources sought to play down expectations of a landslide. "It

is not going to be extraordi-nary." one aide said. "It is not going to be massive but I think we are doing pretty well." While branding the Tory campaign a failure, Labour insisted that they had done enough to win the election on their own merit. "This is not just a case of people voting against the Conservatives.

There is a lot of enthusiasm

for us out there."

switched from their New Labour, New Danger" strategy to attacking Tony Blair's alleged policy U-turns, to warning about Labour's links with the unions, the party's policy on Europe, and finally constitutional reforms. There was never a single line against us," he said.

A senior Labour aide tells James Landale where Major's haphazard campaign went wrong

The senior source claimed

the Tories had made a mistake

by running a negative and

inconsistent campaign

throughout the past six weeks.

He said the Conservatives

He believed the Tories were wrong to attack Mr Blair and accuse him of "cracking up" when clearly he was not.
"Taking on Tony was a battle
they couldn't win," the source said. The attack benefited Labour because it focused attention on Mr Blair, the harder."

The Tories were also wrong not to play their strongest card, their good economic record, the source claimed. He said they could not concentrate on the economy because they were "worried about Ken Clarke" whom, he said, was the Tories' "best performer and most formidable asset". He believed the Tory claim

party's chief asset.

that "Britain is booming" failed while Labour's "Britain deserves better" slogan went down better with voters. He claimed that Labour's private polling showed 84 per cent support for their poster and only 7 per cent for the Tories'

slogan.
He also rejected the Tories claim that their candidates' hostility to a single currency had won them support on the doorstep. He said: "The longer that Europe was in the headlines, the worse for them because it brought out John Major's] weak leadership."

In contrast, the source said Labour had got a lot right. especially by "blocking out" every issue that went against them in 1992. Key to that was Gordon Brown's pledge not to raise the basic and higher income tax rate over the next Parliament. "If we had not done that, there is no way The Sun would have been on

He added that Labour's pledge to hold a referendum on a single currency neutralised many of the arguments against the party's approach to Europe.

The source claimed that

during the campaign the pubbusiness people was impor-tant, especially among women voters. He said Labour's positive posters helped to prevent support flowing to the Liberal Democrats. He also claimed that Mr Blair's repeated refusal to "promise the earth" brought a positive response from the party's private polling.
The Labour Party's new-

found discipline was vital, he said. "No one cracked under pressure. There were no histrionics. The machine has been formidable." He emphasised too the importance of modern chiefly mobile phones and pagers, in enabling the party to speak with one voice at all times. "We were all singing from the same hymn-sheet." He said Labour's "instant

rebuttal" unit at the party's Millbank Tower headquarters in London was extremely effective. "Every time they attacked us, we attacked back

The senior source said that the Tories played into Labour's hands by allowing the party to raise the prospect of a fifth Tory term in the last week of the campaign. The Tories' publication of a leaked version of Labour's "War Book" of campaign strategy allowed Labour to open up their attack on the alleged Tory threat to state pensions. in the end, the public believed us, not the Tories," he

He added that the support had The Sun going after us on Europe all the time and if the Daily Mail was against us as it has been - but meaning it, it would have made a

that Mr Blair had been ext tremely tense at the beginning of the campaign. But he said the Labour leader began to relax when he visited Crawley in West Sussex on April 15. about half-way through the campaign. It became apparent then that all the Tory attacks had made no impact on either the private and public polls. "Before that we had not felt we were in total control of the agenda but in fact we had

He insisted that Labour had stuck to its agenda of remind-ing voters about the Tory record, reassuring them about new Labour, and spelling out the potential rewards of a

Labour government. He added that John Pres cott, the deputy Labour leader, had had a "brilliant" cam-paign taking the party's message to its key target seats. The Tories had a gaffe-watch unit on him and they gave up after three weeks," he claimed.

The source also denied claims that there had been any friction during the campaign between Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, and Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign director. There had been reports that the two men had fallen out over campaign-

After voting at Trimdon Colliery Community Centre yesterday morning. Mr Blair spent the day meeting party workers around his Sedgefield constituency and spending time with his family. Despite an outward attempt to look relaxed, he was clearly tense. Asked by reporters if he was going to win, he snapped: "That depends on the people."

THE WAY WE WERE: 1979

When Labour last had a man in No 10

It is 18 years since a Labour politician lived at 10 Downing Street. The face of Britain has changed in ways both profound and trivial since James Callaghan moved out of No 10 and Margaret Thatcher moved in. In 1979 the country was playing a major role in the Cold War. Europe was a common market. Monetary union was not on the agenda. In everyday things a revolution has taken place.





The £1 note had yet to be replaced by the £1 coin

er carned an average of E89 a week, now it is £351. As for the items in our shopping trolleys, a white unwrapped loaf would have set you back 30p compared with 79p now, while a pint of milk was 14p and is now 36p. The £1 note had yet to be replaced

no 20p coins, and 10p and 5p pieces were twice their esent size. Only about half of us had a current account; now 83 per cent of us do. The average house cost £19,925 in 1979; today, depending on where you get your information, between £57,400 and £67,000.

CULTURE

As the polling booths closed in 1979, the tearjerker Bright Eyes by Art Gar-funkel held the number one slot in the pop charts; it stayed in that position for nine weeks. It was the heyday of ABBA, who were at number 19 with Does Your Mother Know? The big film at the time was the Oscar-winning Kramer vs Kramer, starring Meryl Streep and Dustin Hoffman, each of whom also won Oscars for their performances. A cinema ticket to watch it would have cost about £2. In 1979, the



Garfunkel: Bright Eyes

people got married was 2512 for men and 23 for women:

TECHNOLOGY

The biggest changes have come in the field of technology. More than a quarter of homes had no telephone in 1979, a figure now close to 5 per cent, and less than half had freezers, which then cost £135, compared with 90 per cent ownership now at about £299. Real changes started in the early 1980s. Primitive versions of today's mobile phones and home computers were around, but the computerisation of wages and methods of payment - credit and debit cards - had yet to begin. The closest many came to the cutting edge of technology was with their calculators and digital watches, which had just made their appearance at £30 each.

MOTORING



The Mark 5 Ford Cortina was the best seller

There were far fewer cars on the roads in 1979: 14 million then compared with 21 million at the end of last year, according to the Dedespite this there were nearly twice as many acci-

dents in 1979. That year, 6,352 people died compared with 3,650 in 1994. The best selling car was the Mark 5 Ford Cortina and 18 years later the American car maker still holds the top

SPORT

Sebastian Coe, the Conser vative candidate for Falmouth and Cambourne yesterday, was simply the planet's most outstanding and graceful athlete in 1979. He set a ciutch of metres, L500 metres and mile in three fantastic months, which set him on course for Olympic glory a year later. Trevor Francis, Britain's first El million soccer player, stooped to bead home the winner as Nottingham Forest beat Malmo 10 in the Euro-

in Munich. Liverpool again stood tall as the champions of England while Celtic lifted the Scot-

THE ECONOMY

Commentators believe the new Government will inoutlook since the Second World War. But the scene was different 18 years ago. Then, inflation was running at 10.3 per cent, down from a peak of 26.9 per cent in 1975; now it is 2.7 per cent and the target figure is 25 per cent. The basic income tax rate was 33 per cent compared with 23 per cent today. And the

TUC: failing strength

12.13 million members of TUC-affiliated unions had than their 6.80 million col-1979 more than 1.5 million workers took part in strikes that became known as the

Privatisation was almost unheard of in 1979. The policy begun by Margaret Thatcher and carried on by John Major created millions of private shareowners and made millionaires of the directors of the privatised firms. In 1979, there were three million private shareholders; now there are 11.5 million and that number will soar to about 25 million because of building society flotations. ProShare, which promotes wider share ownership, says that £1,000 invested in the market in 1979 would be worth £8,570 now, assuming all dividends had been reinvested.

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I will care for Matthew until I die but I can't help worrying about what happens after that'

Joy tinged with grief for mother of Down's child

WHEN Sandra Hurley first held her newborn son Matthew in her arms, the joy of giving birth was tinged with the fear that Matthew, a floppy baby who did not open his eyes, was suffering from Down's syndrome.

Mrs Hurley, who was near-ly 36 when Matthew was born, feared throughout her. oregnancy that she would give birth to a handicapped child. While in a maternity bed at the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, with husband Michael by her side, it seemed as if her worst fears were to be

Despite her worries, it took doctors six agonising weeks to diagnose that Matthew was suffering from Down's syn- a condition which could have been detected if Mrs Hurley had taken an amniocentesis test during pregnancy. Matthew, now 6½, attends a

special school and has a mental age of a three-year-old. He has a vocabulary of 50 words and is an affectionate child who likes riding, swimming and playing on a computer. While she adores her son, Mrs Hurley is adamant that if she had known of his potential disability during her pregnancy, she would have had a

termination. "When Matthew was born the doctors put him on my chest and I kissed and cuddled him: I fell in love with him instantly but I knew something was wrong because

he seemed so floppy," she said. When I was pregnant I had this constant fear that there was something wrong with the baby. My husband and I talked it through and we decided we didn't want a handicapped child. That's why I went to the hospital and asked for an amniocentesis.

"The moment Matthew was born I bonded with him. But it's like somebody telling you that you're going on holiday to a paradise island and then

Throughout the six-year le-

help worrying about what

should happen to me or my husband I'm frightened that

happens again. She loved

horses. Horses were her life. She was just 17 and had so

Mr Campbell paid tribute to her 'yesterday. "She was a lovely kid, the best girl we had

in our yard and one of the best

people employed here. She could have become a good

jockey. She had a good way with the horses and it wasn't

could have happened again."

release from hospital after

examination for concussion

Miss Glynn: died after

release from hospital

had been launched.

much to look forward to."

by which time his

Mrs Hurley and son Matthew, who has special needs

ending up in France. France is just as good, but it's not what you expected." gal action, Mrs Hurley's main

worry has been for the future. Doctors who have examined Matthew say there is no reason why he should not live until 55 by which time his mother will be 90. The future has always worried me to death which is why I have pursued this action," she said. "I'm in good health at the moment and I will care for Matthew until I die but I can't

home where they would be nasty to him. I lie in bed at night thinking about it." Mrs Hurley's daughter,

Leah, nine, assures her mother that she will always care for him. "Leah is lovely, she adores Matthew and understands his disability. But it breaks my heart when she says 'Don't worry Mummy, I will look after him' because she's only nine."

The strain of caring for Matthew contributed to the breakdown of Mrs Hurley's marriage, but her husband, who works as a builder, visits his son every day.

"I must say my husband is excellent with him. He comes round every day to see Mat-thew and just worships the ground he walks on." Her elder son Adam, 22

from a previous marriage, is similarly smitten. "He is bril-liant with Matthew. All Adam's friends adore him too. We are very lucky as a family to give each other so much support," she said.

Taking the legal action has been exhausting but it has been worthwhile to secure a future for my son. My lawyers have been fantastic and extremely kind. I am just delighted it's all over and we can return to normal life



Sandra Hurley, 36, at the High Court yesterday, where she won her legal action

drown as high tide comes in

TWO women sunbathers drowned yesterday after they tried to swim ashore from a rock at high tide. The friends were enjoying the fine weather at Limeslade Bay, Mumbles, near Swansea, during the day but became cut off when the

The alarm was raised when they were later seen struggling 20 yards out at Tutt Head. An inshore lifeboat pulled both women from the water and the crew gave them mounti-to-mouth resuscitation as they took them to shove.

Officers from Swansea's coastguard HQ overlooking the bay were also at the scene. The women, aged in their twenties, were taken to Singleton Hospital.

One was pronounced dead on arrival shortly after 2pm. Staff fought in vain for four hours to revive the second woman. David Williams, the hospital chief executive, said: Our doctors and nurses worked desperately to save

Limeslade Bay is popular with sunbathers, but strong, cold currents that sweep past the head can catch swimmers by surprise. South Wales Police said: "Clothing was found on the rocks and in the water. Officers believe it belongs to the women and we are making strenuous efforts to identify them and trace their

Sunbathers | Teenage rider dies | Spy camera | after fall from horse

By LIN JENKINS

A TEENAGE rider thrown from a racehorse collapsed and died in the bath hours after being released from hospital. Natasha Glynn, 17, was

injured when riding an unraced two-year-old colt from trainer lan Campbell's Charawood stables on the gallops at Newmarket, Suf-folk, during early morning exercise. The colt. Young Shaba, ene of her favourite charges, was at the back of a string of seven and camering when she fell.

Miss Glynn regained consciousness after about a minute and said that she could not recall what had happened. She was released from hospital after being examined three hours later.

She was found collapsed in the bath of her lodgings in Newmarket and taken back to hospital where she was pronounced dead. It is thought she might have drowned after passing out. A post-mortem examination was being held yesterday.

Miss Glynn, whose parents live in Maidenhead, Berkshire, had a passion for horses and was determined to spend her life with them. She had hoped to be a jockey. Her father, Anthony, said

yesterday that he was angry at the decision to release her from hospital. Nothing is going to bring her back, but if a mistake has been made, I want to be sure it never

can check cars in 4 seconds

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SURVEILLANCE camera capable of instantly checking a car numberplate with a central computer is being heralded as the latest weapon for the police in the war against crime and terrorism. The system, which can scan up to 300,000 index numbers an hour and check them

her riding that was at fault William McKeon, head lad at the stables, said: "The horse against national police records in four seconds, is oper- ly denies the allegations. He is fences of rape and three of know I am innoceating at the City of London's a good-looking man and the indecent assault, which cover- my trust in God. could have stumbled. He is a big, friendly horse. He stumbled the day before when I was "ring of steel" anti-terrorism riding him and it seems like it cordon. It has been so successful that officials believe that it Addenbrooke's Hospital in could be used at ports, on mo-Cambridge said that an inquitorways and in city centres. ry into her treatment and

The system was introduced as part of the City police drive against another IRA bomb attack, after those at the Baltic Exchange and Bishopsgate. In its first two months of operation, it has resulted in 47 arrests mainly for driving stolen cars but also for fraud. Other drivers have been held because they are wanted by police on arrest warrants. Another 1,045 vehicles have been tracked or stopped because of suspected links to terrorism and other crime.

The system links the closedcircuit television cameras covering the checkpoints on the edge of City with a computer in the police headquarters at Wood Street and the Police National Computer at Hendon, north London. The system can check a car in the

time it takes to change gear. The timetable would be: As the car passes one of the 47 police cameras, an image is sent by fibre-optics to a computerised index number reader at Wood Street. This takes one second to turn the signal into computer-readable data. The index number is fed into the Police National Computer network and sent to the computer at Hendon. The number is checked against a national list of vehicles the police are interested in. The results are sent back to

☐ If the car is wanted, a computer beeps an alarm and a screen of data flashes up. Police on the road in the City are then alerted.

Officer charged with date rape

By Paul WILKINSON

A POLICEMAN has been defence to every charge will be charged with three date rapes one of consent. and indecently assaulting three other women. PC John Blott, 32, a bachelor, has been suspended from duty since March and is due in court next

month. PC Blott, who is a beat officer on the Whinney Banks estate in Middlesbrough, has been on the Cleveland force for eight years. Before that he was a goalkeeper with teams including Manchester City and Carlisle United. He was forced to quit through injury.

Yesterday Simon Catterall, his solicitor, said: "He strong-

Detectives from his own force taped nine hours of interviews with PC Blott at Redcar police station before he was charged on Wednesday

night. The inquiry began after complaints by a member of the public that he had molested her. Detectives then traced women who went out with him over the past decade. As the inquiry continued more women came forward and accused him of sexual assault.

In a statement the force said that a 32-year-old officer had been charged with three offences of rape and three of ed a period from 1989 to 1995 and involved women aged between 16 and 43. Five of the offences allegely occured in Langbaurgh, the police dis-trict where PC Blott was based. The statement also said the charges were part of a larger inquiry by the Police Complaints Authority into the conduct of the officer and another colleague. It is believed the second officer will not face charges in relation to

PC Blott is due to appear before Guisborough magistrates on June 10. At his home last night PC Blott said: "I know I am innocent and I put

Loyalists end Maze protest after deal is struck

> By NICHOLAS WATE CHIEF IRELAND

LOYALIST inmates ended a three-day rooftop protest at the Maze last night after the Government relaxed conditions at the high-security jail. Prison officers were expect-

ed to regain control of two wings from Ulster Defence Association prisoners after intense negotiations between senior government officials and loyalist leaders. The protest was brought to

an end after the Government agreed to end compulsory lock-ups, which were intro-duced for all immates after the IRA escape attempt last month. Under an agreement between government officials and loyalists, prison officers will carry out two head counts a day in the dining rooms on each wing. During the count, prison officers will inspect individual cells.

The new regulations, which will apply to loyalist and republican prisoners for a four-week trial, mark a softening of regime. The inquiry into the attempted break-out recommended that republican and loyalist inmates should be locked in their cells twice a day for about 15 minutes to allow prison officers to carry out head counts and inspect cells. UDA prisoners took to the

roofs of their blocks and set fire to observation towers on Tuesday because they said it was unfair to penalise them IRA. Gary McMichael, leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, the UDA's political wing, said last night after talks with UDA inmates at the Maze: We can say that an agreement has been found and the protest will end forthwith. Normality will be restored within a matter of days." The deal came after loyalists

highlighted the protest with a wave of hoax bomb warnings just after I lam a man, who did not use a recognised codeword, said four vehicles had been abandoned throughout the city, including the republican Ardoyne area. An hour later another caller made a similar claim.

Girl raped on pop star trip

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A GIRL aged 13, who slipped out of her home at night to see her favourite pop star, was picked up and raped three times by the driver of a London taxi.

The girl's grandparents, with whom she lives in Southampton, thought she was in bed asleep and her ordeal was disclosed only when she was questioned by a concerned teacher the next day. The rapes happened on

March 23. Police have spent a month investigating the story out late at night.

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see who came to answer.

ers. The rapist may have been where he left her locked in the the owner of a secondhand taxi while he fetched tea and a the owner of a secondhand

Detective Inspector Alan Harvey said the girl, an only child, had wanted to knock at the door of the pop star and She began to walk from the

station to the house because she had no money left, but at 12.30am the taxi pulled up beside her near the Savoy Hotel on Strand. The girl told the driver she did not have money and he offered to drive her without payment, saying it was dangerous for a girl to be

bun. He then drove to the Barbican area where he raped the girl. The other rapes are believed to have been in east London. The driver drove her back to Waterloo station at about 4.30am and gave her

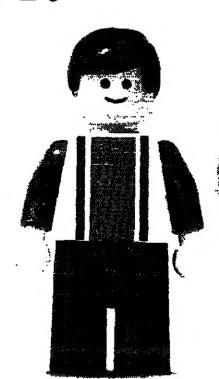
The girl, now 14, is 5ft 2in with shoulder-length blonde hair and was wearing a suede jacket, short denim skirt, black tights and a small blue patterned rucksack. Her attacker was 30 to 40 with dark brown receding hair. He wore an Umbro tracksuit and He drove to an all-night café training shoes.

the City police three-quarters of a seconds later.

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. Risk of non-sedating hay fever pills drugs increase the risk of heart toring in Uppsala, Sweden, concluded:

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALL the most popular hay fever pills that do not cause drowsiness are potentially dangerous, according to data from 17 countries about the side effects.

Last week the Health Department gave warning that one popular range of tablets sold by chemists, based on the drug terfenadine, could be fatal to people suffering from heart conditions. The Royal College of Pharmacists announced a day later that it had similar worries about a second range containing the drug asternizole.

The latest warning about a third drug, loratadine, comes in a letter published in The Lancet today. This says that statistics from the 17 countries for which sales data is available show that collectively the

abnormalities and death. There was only a tiny level of spontaneous adverse reaction reports of 0.25 per million doses The reactions associated with terfenadine and astemizole showed that

these drugs tended to block the potassium channels in the heart. Although this did not occur with loratadine, the drug still caused ventricular heart rhythm irregularities. There were also signs of some reaction to two other nondrowsy making drugs, acrivastine and

"These crude rates reflect doctors" concerns with these products, but do not provide a definite answer." Ralph Edwards and Marie Lindquist from the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for International Drug Moni-

"Nevertheless the data indicate that some of the alternatives to terfenadine may have similar problems, suggesting that thorough consideration of the risk/benefit profile of all non-sedating antihistamines is wise."

Following last week's warning, drugs containing terfenadine are expected to be made available only on prescription by the Medicines Control Agency. Already most chemists will sell the preparations to sufferers only after warning them of the dangers. Such pills should not be taken with antibiotics, antifungal drugs or reconstituted grapefruit juice.

Loratadine is contained in a Boots own-brand, Hayfever Relief All Day Antihistamine, and the product Clarityn. Astemizole is sold under the brand

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Chalet owners win battle to save Arcadian idyll

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

A COMMUNITY of owners of pre-war chalets has won an ight-year legal battle-against eviction from the woodland village where they live an Arcadian lifestyle, cut off from the modern world.

Their right to stay at Holtsfield, a 14-acre site on the Gower peninsula near Swansea, was backed yesterday by the House of Lords. In a ruling quoting Roman, Australian American and 19th century case histories as precedent, the five law lords agreed unaninously that the wooden chalets were a permanent fixture.

and could not be moved. If the chalets-were permanent buildings, residents were profected by the Rent Act. If they were considered to be mobile homes, they were not. Lord Lloyd of Berwick said that the building was not like a Portakabin or mobile home. It could be removed only by demolition - a factor of great

The residents now hope to



A resident protesting during evictions two years ago

who tried to evict them. Drawing on support from environmentalists during their long battle, they believe they can raise £350,000 to obtain the freehold. Isabel Griffin, of Shelter Cymru, which backed the case, said: "Now the land : has no development potential, it cannot be worth more than

The community was origi-nally established during the Second World War by people

buy the field from the landlord who moved into the chalets to escape bombing. Residents bought the ramshackle buildings and paid the field's owner an annual fee for a licence to keep them there.

There are several long-term residents, including Dai Morris. 50, who moved there in 1971 and who was chosen to fight the test case. "Our life is idyllic," Mr Morris said yes-terday. "We all help each other. We don't need to lock the doors. The plumbing may

used to it and the friendly, cooperative lifestyle we enjoy nore than makes up for that."

Two of the 39 adults who live in the village are aged over 80 and there are 27 children, many of whom were born in the chalets. Residents include a schoolteacher, a nature reserve keeper, artists, a mechanic and a nurse. Four are unemployed.

The site was bought in 1989 for £175,000 by Tim Jones, 45, a Swansea solicitor and director of Elitestone, a development company. His title deeds to the land included a certificate from Swansea council allowing "residential use".

Until then residents paid £85 a year to keep their homes in the field. Mr Jones wanted them out, and when they refused to go he asked a £1,000 licence fee for six months without security of tenure.

The residents refused to pay and insisted that as protected tenants they had the right to stay permanently. Swansea council refused Mr Jones planning permission for exec-



Dai Morris, 50, fought the test case for residents, who now hope to buy the freehold. He said life there was idyllic

Holtsfield to be a conservation area, ordering that nothing

could be changed. The idea is to maintain the community of people whose social development during the course of this century," Eddie Ramsden, the city's chief envi-

ronmental health officer, said. The residents received support from Perspectives on Architecture, the magazine inspired by the views of the Prince of editor, said: "Without interference from planners or developers, a community has grown naturally with remark-

able social and architectural results. It could be a model for organic growth in the

Helen Carter, a playgroup leader who has lived at Holtsfield for 15 years with her husband, David, a graphic

designer, said: "We are all so

strain all these years, not knowing what was going to happen to our homes." Mrs Carter, mother of Ann, 8. and Adam, 3, added: "This is a wonderful place to bring

up children. I don't think we

would ever want to leave our

or here

Specialist hits out over Ecstasy girl's death

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A 15-YEAR-OLD Ecstary victim who died after being refused a liver transplant should have had the operation and would have had a high chance of surviving, a leading liver specialist said yesterday.

He accused the doctors who refused to treat Michelle Paul of being too moralistic and of delaying her treatment.

Professor Roger Williams, head of the Institute of Henatology at University Coll-ege London, told a fatal acsilent inquiry into the death of Michelle Paul, who died of Michelle Pain, who deat or liver failure after taking half an Ecstasy tablet, that the girl's family background of drug abuse had played a part in the decision to refuse a

Michelle's mother, Carolasn Paul, a former drug Margaret Pirie, bave both claimed that the decision was made on moral grounds.

This claim has been denied by Dr. Hilary Sanfey, the infirmacy where Michelle died Another member of the transplant team admitted that Michelle's truancy and her drug-taking had played a part in the decision to refuse her

the £60,000 operation; Yesterday Professor Williams said: Moralistic interpretations which appear to underlie Dr Sanfey's opinions are not acceptable for a life-death decision on a young person. The reaction she had to half an Ecstasy tablet was idiosyncratic because many people take many more tablets and never have any trouble."

Appeal plan for Dame Shirley

BY A STAFF REPORTER

E31.6 million surcharge on Dame Shirley Porter and five former colleagues in the West-minster City Council "homes-for-votes" affair is to be challenged in the High Court.

Three Westminster councillors and three officials, including Dame Shirley, who now lives misrael, were accused by John Magill, the district suditor, of wiful miscondust and disgraceful and improper ger-rymandering between 1987 made them jointly and severally liable to repay the E31.6 million estimated to have been spent on the hous-ing policy after finding that they had tried to fix election results in marginal wards by moving council tenants and selling their homes cheaply to people who were more likely

Lawyers for Dame Shirley and her former colleagues will argue in the High Court that the auditor's methods of procedure and conclusions were fundamentally. flawed and that the surcharge, by far the biggest against a local authority, was imposed unfairly.

Yesterday Lords Justices Rose Latham and Keene laid.

surcharge

THE decision to impose a

The former Tory council leader, who has indicated that she wishes to submit fresh directed to make themselves evailable for questioning at an appeal due to begin on Octo-ber 2. Her QC asked the three judges in the case to disregard the "horrifying" publicity sur-

to vote Conservative.

down a timetable for the hearing and gave directions on the extent to which fresh evidence would be admissible.

Helicopter concert has strings attached

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

CONCERT goers in London are turning to the big screen for their premiere of a composition that cannot possibly be performed on stage. It features four musicians and four airborne helicopters, The film of the Helicopter

String Quartet, by the avantgarde composer Karlheinz Stockhausen, is to be presented before a concert by the London Sinfonietta on the South Bank. The work originally was performed by the Arditti String Quartet at the 1995 Holland Festival in Amsterdam. Each musician flew in a separate helicopter from the Dutch Air Force, linked by remote cameras and microphones. The roar of the motorblades was an integral

part of the composition. Their manocuvres and speed affected the sound and it practice took to decide on the best position for the microphones. The performance was relayed to a concert hall where Stockhausen mixed and matched the sound. The

Dutch film-maker Frank Scheffer recorded the event for the 75-minute film, which has its first London screening. at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on May 10.

Irvine Arditti, first violinist of the quartet, said his original reaction to the idea had been to laugh: "We commis-



Irvine Arditti in action: "It was great," he said

sioned him to write the piece. He wouldn't tell me what it was. He said that we would need a good technical team to realise it and that if people knew what it was about before it was written, it wouldn't be taken seriously.

"It was great. You couldn't believe you were performing a piece and riding above the canals of Amsterdam." The composer explained

that the idea came to him in a

dream. Mr Arditti added: "I asked him for a quartet for many years. He felt he couldn't write a quartet. Such a classical medium didn't appeal. I tried to persuade him. In a dream, he saw



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As the nation basks in May Day heat, official figures show that April showers were not enough

Drought action begins for the lakes in peril

THE year's first drought order by the Government's Environment Agency was announced

The news that river water will be pumped into the lakes at Horton Kirby, south of Dartford, Kent, came as the agency released figures show-ing that April rainfall was low, despite some downpours last

Two of the smaller water companies - Sutton and East Surrey, and Essex and Suffolk Water - said that some restrictions on customers were possible within weeks. Guernsey is imposing the year's first

The Environment Agency said that more water companies were heading for restrictions but were officially keeping a brave face and hoping for the best, which is more rain". Publicly, few com-

The most rain in April fell in the North West, which had 39.4mm, 55 per cent of its long-term average. Among the low-est. Sussex had 8.2mms (14.6 per cent), Hampshire 12.5mms (24.3 per cent), and Kent 7.6mms (14.4 per cent).

Under yesterday's Kent order, one twentieth of the flow of the River Darent will be pumped into the vulnerable lakes to protect fish such as chubb and roach. Pumping stations will raise five million litres a day from the chalk below to top up the Darent.
A survey of water authori-

per cent full. Ground water, from which half supplies come, at low level. Latest profits £137.8 million. Investing £70 million a year in antidrought measures. Northumbrian Water: reser-

voirs 85 per cent full. Ground water low but used for only 3 efore tax. Spending £10 mil-

Southern Water: reservoirs 95 per cent. Ground water, supplying 70 per cent, well below average. Spending £150 million up to 2000 on its not available since takeover by Scottish Power.

North West Water: reservoirs 90 per cent. Ground water, supplying 10 per cent, in good shape. Group profit £223.9 million, including a big electricity company. Has spent £85 million on drought measures since 1005 with measures since 1995, with more on leakage detection. Severn Trent: reservoirs

about 90 per cent. Ground water, supplying about a third, below normal. Profit E373 million. Has spent about £200 million over 18 months on anti-drought measures. Welsh Water: reservoirs 85 per cent. Ground water supplies negligible. Owners

El129 million profit. Spending £40 million on anti-drought

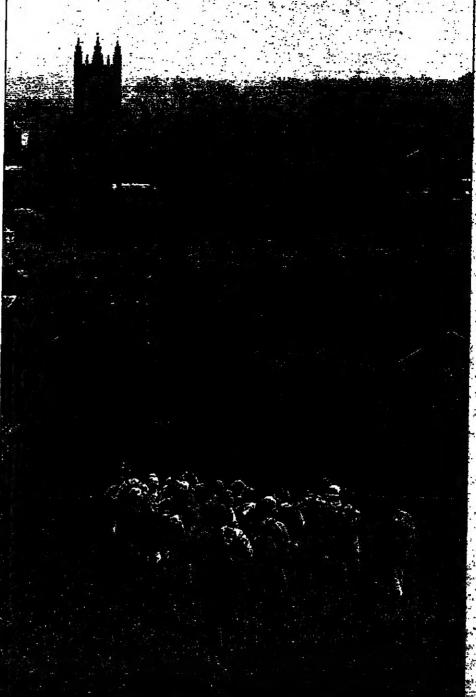
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71 per cent. Ground water, Spending £100 million until 2000 to cut leaks to 15 per cent from 21 per cent.

Thames Water: reservoirs 97 per cent. Ground water, supnormal. Profits £324 million. Spending £200 million until 2000 to halve leaks from 28 per

cent. Ground water, supplying 20 per cent, low. Profits £109 million. Has spent £170 million since 1995 fight-

ing drought.
Wessex Water: reservoirs 86 per cent. Ground water, suppling 80 per cent, below average. Profit £121.7 million. No specific anti-drought in-vestment as no restrictions in



Some of the 850 French walkers who converged on Canterbury yesterday to mark the fiftieth anniversary of their equivalent to the Ramblers Association

Look out for blue skies and long delays

EMERGENCY services preparing to deal with re

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Assault case lawyer faces SUSPENSION PUBLIC libraries are selling thority libraries made

A barty solicitor who rugby tackled the wife of a wealthy client and pinned her to the floor of his Belgravia office charing a dispute over title deeds was given a three-month suspension from practice yesterday. Allen Chubb was convicted last year of assault and false imprisonment and ordered to pay Laura Harold El.000 in compensation. The Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal lifted the suspension pending appeal.

Officer acquitted

A former Army officer who was court-martialled for false accounting has been cleared by Southwark Crown Court of taking a £100,000 bribe for awarding contracts to a food supply company. John Ewart, 51, of Dilton Marsh, Wiltshire. had denied the charges.

Fatal bus crash

A man died and 30 children from Spittal County First primary school in Berwick-upon-Tweed were taken to hospital after his car collided with their school bus at Scremerston, near Berwick. One girl, aged 9, was kept in hospital with whiplash injuries.

Solicitor cleared

A solicitor accused of squan-dering £630,174 of clients money has been cleared of all charges by Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court. Simon Kaberry, 49, of Leeds, had denied ten charges of theft, three charges of false accounting and one of deception.

Book sales speak volumes for changing library tastes

to a funding shortfall and the changing taste of borrowers, who demand more sound recordings and videotapes.

Librarians fear that important works are being lost for a fraction of their worth, or that such sales inadvertently break up valuable collections. The profession is to draw up a code on how to dispose of books in order to preserve national heritage and prevent great works being undersold. A study commissioned by the British National Bibliog-raphy Research Fund, a chari-table arm of the British

Library, found that local au-

£4.3 million a year from the sale of stock. Sherry Jespersen, of the Library Association, said: "It is an absolute tragedy when disposal of stock is demanded by funding imperatives and libraries find mselves forced to sell stock which they have looked after in trust for their borrowers and future generations."

The study by Capital Plan-ning Information found that each of the 180 library authorities received an average of £23,974 from book sales. The National Book Committee has prepared further statistics on the crisis facing lending libraries and plans to to the new government at the earliest opportunity. The com-mittee claims that funding is woefully inadequate for the task" of providing the service required under the 1964 Library Act.

Goy Daines, head of professional practice at the Library Association, said: "Librarians are not in the business of being antiquarian booksellers and I am sure some get caught out on occasions."

Bloomsbury Book Auctions said that, over the past decade, there had been a noticeable increase in the number of former library books coming

Gun control campaign is wound up

THE Snowdrop Campaign, the anti-gun group set up after the Dunblane massacre, disbanded yesterday. Its final act was to urge the public to continue fighting for tougher gun laws through the Gun Control Network.

Snowdrop has given the remaining £2,000 in its account to the network, which was set up after the Hungerford massacre in 1987. The Snowdrop-Campaign put pressure on the Government with a 750,000 name petition calling for a ban on all handguns. Ann Pearston, one of the three women who founded the group, said: We have achieved more than we

ever thought possible."

The politics of parking

LEAVING my local polling station yester-day, I noticed two coaches parked in close proximity, a red one to the left of the building, and a blue one to the right.

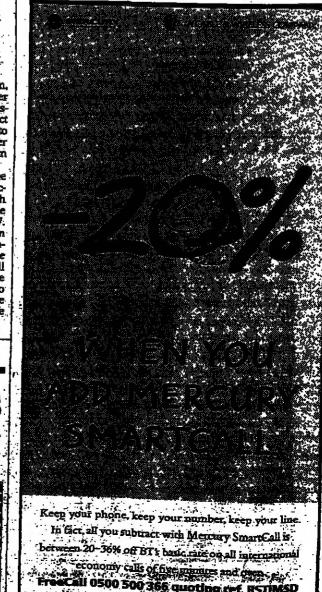
To complete the picture, a yellow Mini was in the process of squeezing into the space between them.



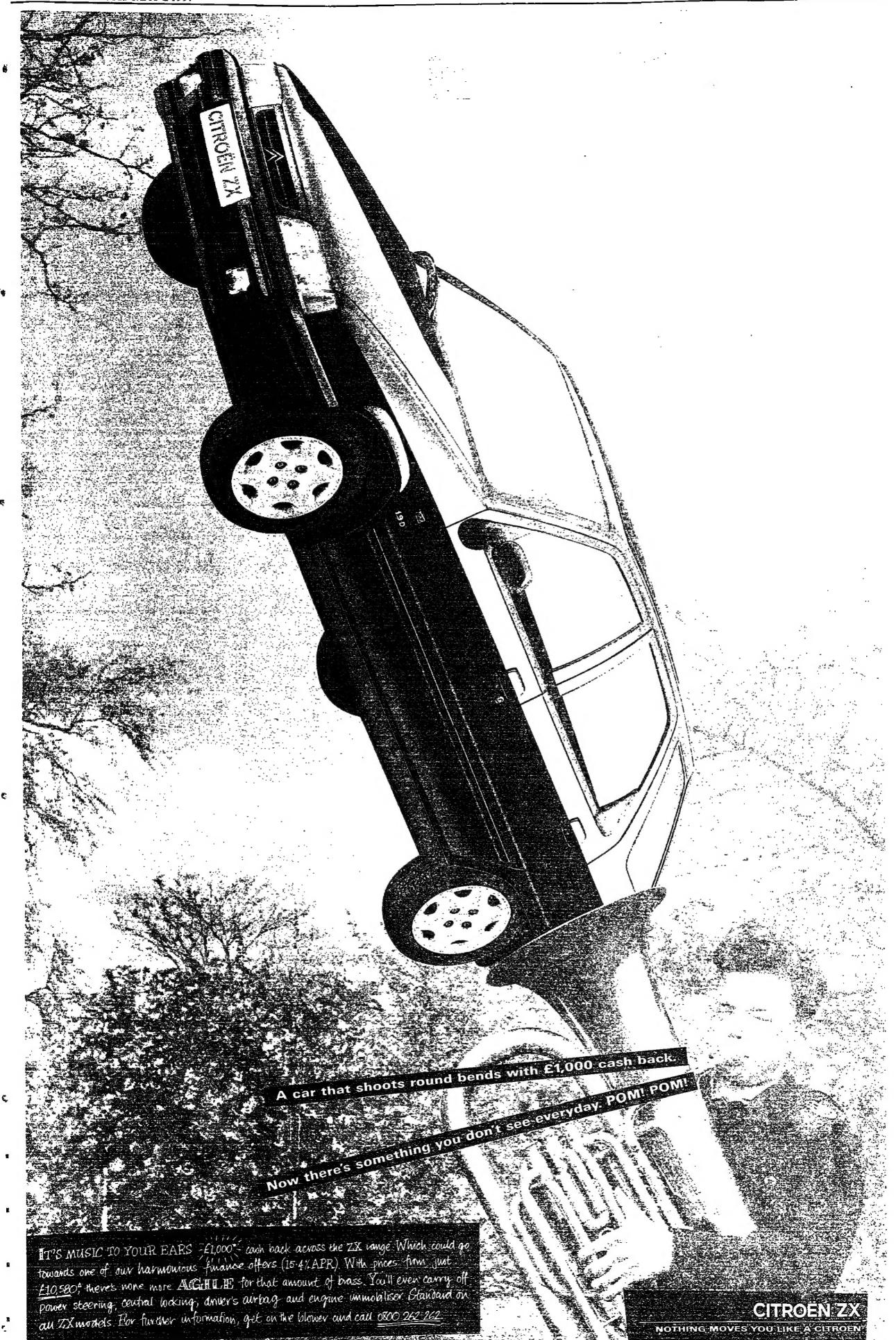
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Violent teacher struck again on first day in class

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A TEACHER with a history of violence against pupils found work at a comprehensive school and assaulted three children on his first day. Yesterday a magistrate expressed concern that Simon Hartley had never been prosecuted before, and that he found work despite being dropped from a county's list of approved staff. Hartley, 42, a humanities

teacher, admitted grabbing a 12-year-old boy's hair, hitting him twice around the head and dragging him across the floor by his tie. He then chased two 13-yearolds from the classroom, bruising one of them on the arm and pushing the other against a wall.

Plymouth Magistrates Court was told that he snapped during the last lesson of his first day. When confronted about his behaviour, the supply teacher told the headmaster: "They deserved it."

Philip Wassall, the stipendiary magistrate, said he was concerned that, although Hartley had attacked pupils twice in the past he had not been prosecuted although he had been removed from the Devon County Council approved list, Mr Wassall said:

Teaching is a very stressful and demanding job. Back in

1992 you were told you were not suitable to be a teacher because of your background and your difficulty in coping with the stresses. Regardless of your own conduct. it is a matter of the greatest concern to me that someone whose name had been removed from the list of supply teachers was employed again by the authority. It is a matter of good fortune that the injuries to the boys were slight."

Hartley was put on probation for three years on condition that he seek psychiatric care. He was ordered to pay £75 compensation to the 12-year-old and £25 compensation to one 13year-old. The children cannot be identified.

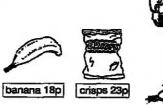
David Teague, for Hartley, said that his client had suffered from epilepsy and diabetes. He had taken the job because he had been unemployed since 1992 and was worried his benefits could be stopped.

The school's head teacher said no one who dealt with the county approved teacher list was available that day. and that Hartley did not appear on List 99, the blacklist of teachers kept by the Department for Education. He added: "I am appalled by what we have discovered about his past."

Single-figure results to be replaced by subject marks and age comparison

MATHEMATICS TEST FOR 7 YEAR OLDS ENGLISH TEST FOR 7-YEAR-OLDS Sample question: Sample question:

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big wave. It made him shout.

football. My family lost by two goals. Afterwards, I collected shells in my bucket.

I can't wait to see them. I think one will be very funny because Ded got soaked by a

See you soon,

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MATHEMATICS TEST FOR 11-YEAR-OLDS

What is the total cost?

They cost him £10.

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Sample question:



You should think about what it is that talks . what it says who it is talking to what happens next

Parents score primary tests victory

BY JOHN O'LEARY

GOVERNMENT advisers admitted yesterday that the test scores given to primary school children for the past three years did not give an accurate

picture of their progress. Instead of a single figure showing the level of the national curriculum reached by seven and li-year-olds, schools will be able, at the end of this term, to give parents actual test marks and an age-related score as well. Although schools will not be obliged to include the extra information, parents will be able to demand

The eight-level scale used to assess

pupils' progress through the curricu-lum has been criticised since its introduction as confusing for parents. Especially in primary schools, the boundaries have been set so widely that most children in a class appear on the same level.

Nick Tate, the chief executive of the new Qualifications Assessment and Curriculum Authority, said at a briefing on this year's tests: "We have responded to parents' perceptions of the inadequacy of national curricu-lum information by itself."

Dr Tate said the national curriculum levels remained useful for tracking national trends, but parents wanted to know how their children compared with others in their class.

The levels by themselves do not provide adequate information. They need to be supplemented."

The new scores, calculated for seven-year-olds for the first time last year, will assess children's test perormance in English and mathematics against the average for their age to within one month. Primary schools have been sent instructions enabling them to make the necessary calcuations at both seven and eleven.

After focus group research on last year's tests, ll-year-olds will also be given separate scores for reading. writing and spelling. Like the agestandardised scores, it will be up to the school whether to include the information in end-of-year reports.

The first of this summer's classroom tests begin next week, with 14-year-olds tackling English, mathematics and science. They will be followed in mid-May by II-year-olds. With individual assessment of sevenyear-olds already under way, almost two million children will be tested before the end of the current term.

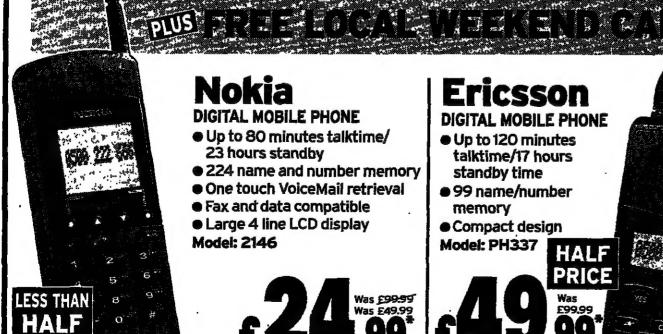
Next week's exercise will include new tests of mental arithmetic, grammar, spelling and punctuation at 14. All are being introduced as a pilot programme to fron out any defects before becoming compulsory in 1998. Although 70 per cent of schools have opted to take the mental arithmetic test, only 25 per cent have put in for the grammar, spelling and punctuation papers. More than 100 schools have pulled out of the pilot after seeing the tests, and English teachers have threatened to stage a

David Hawker, the official responsible for the tests, said some schools did not like the form of testing, while others claimed that they needed more time to prepare their pupils. The authority has produced a booklet for secondary schools, encouraging them to use the test results to group pupils according to ability. Dr Tate said that there was no question of schools using the tests to select pupils because the results came too late in the year. However, they were suitable for setting.

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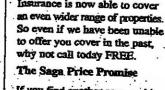
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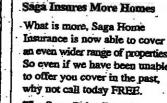
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Jet noise puts pupils at a disadvantage

noise, but were less adept at hearing speech. "We've known for a long time that chronic noise is having a devastating effect on the academic performance of children in noisy homes and schools" says Dr Evans. "This study shows that children don't tune out sound per se,

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

CHILDREN whose schools

are in the flight paths of major.

sirports do not learn to read as

easily as those in quiet schools,

research in New York has

Psychologists from Cornell

University compared the per-formance of 116 children from

two elementary schools, one on the flight path to New York's international airport

and the other in a quiet area

race. The noisy school was

exposed to peaks of aircraft

naise rising to 90 decibels

Gary Evans and Lorraine

Maxwell, both environmental psychologists, first tested the hearing of the children, all of

whom were aged either five or

six. Then they tested them for

the ability to read, to distin-

guish words against back-

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tions. They found that the children from noisy schools could hear sounds amid the

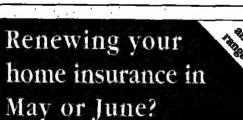
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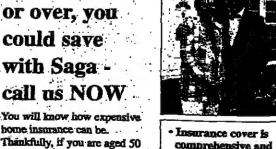
rather that they have difficulty acquiring speech recognition skills." The implication is that children become less skillful in language because of the high noise levels. which in turn affects their ability to learn to read. Other factors may also be involved in noisy schools and neighbourhoods, including parent and teacher irritability, and their reluctance to speak as much, use as many complete sentences, or read

aloud as often as other parents or teachers. The psychologists say that noise is responsible for many health problems, including hearing damage, stress, moti-vational problems and re-

duced cognitive developent.



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Purists turn against plan to rebuild hall of fame

A PLAN to convert the Free Trade Hall in Manchester into a E35 million, 20-storey hotel has upset defenders of the city's Victorian heritage who fear it will rob the historic building of its dignity and blight the skyline.
The half, famed for its

ornate Florentine façade, has played a central role in the city's social, political and artistic life since it was opened in the site of the Peterloo Massacre and was the location for the Anti-Corn Law League. Over the years it has become principally a concert hall. rather than a public meeting centre for radical thought.



The Free Trade Hall

Barbirolli Halle Orchestra and a venue for leading rock bands, it became too shabby and cramped for a modern. orchestra. The opening of the Bridgewater Hall last September made it redundant. -

Manchester City Council, anxious to harmonise development alongside the Bridgewater Hall and the G-Mex exhibition centre, is backing the hotel plan, which would retain the classical facade — substantially rebuilt after wartime damage - and provide a new lease of life to an otherwise

moribund building.
The council's planning department received a formal planning application for the project last week. Richard Leese, the council leader, has corridor.

ance in

called for a "healthy debate" about the building's future. He said: "The Free Trade Hall, which has played such can now be part of the city's future. With the imaginative harroonisation of old and new importance as a European

and international city.

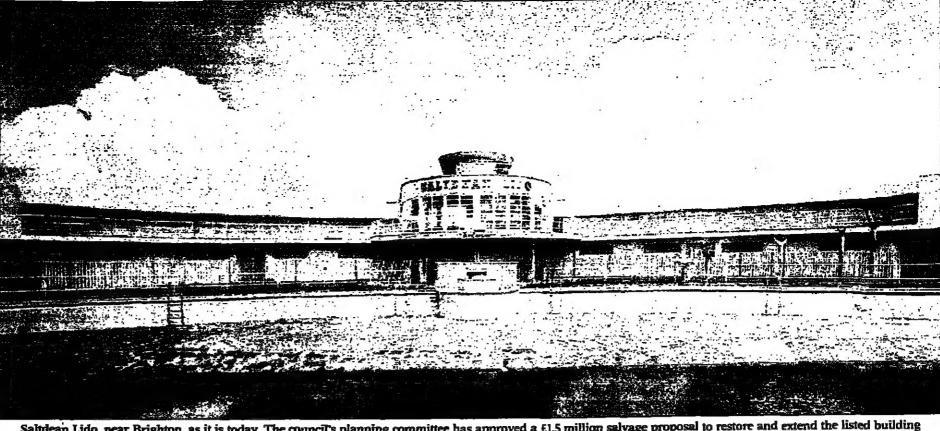
What we have now before October 1856. It was built at us is a development that will enhance and bring life to the surrounding areas whilst at tectural integrity of Peter Street by maintaining the Free Trade Hall façade for which it is architecturally famous."

Members of the Friends of

the Free Trade Hall have seized on the opinion of the Royal Fine Art Commission that it would be impossible to retain the dignity of the hall while adding a 300 bedroom hotel at the rear. John Archer, of the Friends' organisation, said: "The building stands as a symbol of Manchester, its radical spirit, its culture and, as one Labour Lord Mayor put it, all that is best in Manchester's life. It is impossible to see it continue in that way as a hotel."

The Victorian Society is likely to opt for a less ambi-tious project which it believes would be more in keeping with the conservation area. But the council, which hopes the project will create 3,500 jobs, insists that it has looked at alternative uses, including a conference centre, but has dismissed them as unviable.

John Lutton, managing director of the developer La Sande (NW) told a public meeting last week that the development would be sensitive to the "emotive and nostalgic value? of the building...
He said: We have got an international hotelier who will be investing £35 million in Manchester. That really represents a phenomenal boost to the city council and the G-Mex



Saltdean Lido, near Brighton, as it is today. The council's planning committee has approved a £1.5 million salvage proposal to restore and extend the listed building

Student splashes out to save derelict Art Deco lido

ONE of the finest Art Deco buildings in the country may be rescued from vandals and dereliction. Brighton and Hove council's planning committee has chosen a £1.5 million scheme to restore and extend Salidean Lido, which had been

abandoned for years.

By next year's summer 500 bathers a day could again be relaxing in the nostalgic surroundings of the lido.

Mark Bunting, a Sussex University mature student in psychology, who put together the salvage plan with financial backing from South Coast businessmen.

said yesterday. This will be the first public Art Deco building to be recon-

dreadful waste of what was a beautiful building. Now we will have a haven where families can relax in the sun instead of a bomb site. It will look exactly as it did in its heyday."

The lido was built in 1935 to designs by

the architect Richard Jones, and was hailed as the most innovative design of its type in Britain. With its tea terrace, sun deck, café perched on the flat roof and distinctive curved wings at either end, it became the only lido to be featured

in the Design Museum in London. Brighton council found the open-air pool too costly to maintain and a private buyer with plans to redevelop the building ran out of cash. Now Brighton and Hove council's planning committee will start next week. The scheme will still require planning permission for the addition of a heated pool set in landscaped gardens and a 1930s theme

in use, Jill Sack, of the 20th Century Society, said it was a disgrace that Saltdean had been left to rot. "We have followed the fortunes of Saltdean closely because it is a classic example of Art Deco architecture and a building of great historical value," she said. "We have lost so many lidos and this is one of the very



Astronomers disprove the impossible

ASTRONOMERS have used a new technique to resolve a paradox that stars appear to be older than the universe, (Nigel Hawkes writes). A Sus-sex University team used mea-surements from the Hubble space telescope to estimate the state—and from this the age— and from this the age of distant galaxies, showing a years old. The oldest stars are put at 12 billion. If both figures are right, the universe had a

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Status Quo singer has surgery after tour

By Ian Murray MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

RICK Parfitt, co-founder 30 years ago of the rock group Status Quo. is recovering in intensive care after a four-hour emergency quadruple heart bypass operation.

He had just come back from a two-month world tour with the group when he felt chest pains. On Wednesday morning Partitt, 48, was admitted to the Wellington Hospital in west London. Tests showed a critical narrowing of arteries to the heart and immediate surgery was recommended. The operation began at 9pm and

ended at lam yesterday. Brian Glenville, the surgeon, said the singer had gone from having moder-are angina to becoming critically ill in a very short time and that emergency surgery was an "urgent requirement".
"We gave him four by-

pass grafts, which is a fairly routine operation nowadays, and he has come through nicely. He's sitting up and joking and making a nuisance of himself. Sometimes people do not need an operation for up to ten years but Rick reached that condition after the first twinges in the

Mr Glenville said he saw no reason why Parfitt should not be back with Status Quo in August.



IRELAND is praying for nuls points at tomorrow night's

Eurovision Song Contest in Dublin when it tries to avoid winning for the fifth time in six years. The contest has cost the country about EIO million

since 1993 and Ireland's repeated success is draining the resources of RTE, the national broadcaster, which funds most of the concert. "We're sick to death of it. But we keep winning, no matter how bad the song," a source at RTE

Tomorrow's contest will cost £2.7 million to stage at the Point Depot, a renovated 19thcentury warehouse on the banks of the Liffey. RTE's television and radio budget has provided El million, with the remainder coming from sponsors and the European Broadcasting Union.

Ireland first won the competition in 1970 when Dana sang All Kinds of Everything. Then, and when Johnny Logan won ten years later with What's Another Year?, the contest generated great excitement. uccess was the perfect vehicle for promoting Irish tourism as snapshots of green countryside were relayed around the world.

Similar benefits were



Marc Roberts: will sing for Ireland tomorrow

reaped in 1993 when Ireland won again, and there was a surge in national pride in 1994 when the music and dance extravaganza Riverdance was unveiled as the interval act. But now the Irish people want to spend their money on other things. Tourism is booming and the Eurovision contest is no longer regarded with such enthusiasm, or seen as a vital link to the outside world.

Even Michael D. Higgins, the Culture and Arts Minister, is crying halt. He suggests that all the participating countries take their share of the financial burden. If Ireland wins time and time again, then is it fair to have one

Up to 600 million people around the world will watch the contest. RTE wants to attract a younger audience and has rejected the Celtic mysticism that has prevailed in recent years in favour of a modern, upbeat, technological show. Ronan Keating, the lead singer of Boyzone, is co-hosting the competition. His band will perform a new song during the interval.

Britain, Germany, Austria and Switzerland have done away with national juries this year: viewers will now phone in their preferences. A telephone number will flash on the screens during a song. The entry that receives the most calls from viewers will be awarded the most points.

The British, Irish and Italian entries are the bookmakers' favourites to win. The group Katrina and the Waves - best known for the 1980s hit Walking on Sunshine - is representing the United Kingdom, with Love Shine A Light. But the group's lead singer, Katrina Leskanick, 36. is doubtful that she will outdo the ballad-like trish entry,

Mysterious Woman. Taxi drivers, people on the street, everybody in Dublin is saying they do not want to win it. " Ms Leskanick said. "Even Marc, the singer, is saying he







Irish Eurovision winners, clockwise from top left. Johnny Logan in 1980 (What's Another Year?) Dana in 1970 (All Kinds of Everything), Charlie McGettigan and Paul Harrington in 1994 (Rock 'n' Roll Kids)

is not allowed to win. But I with Making Your Mind Up, think he could still do it. He's a good performer."

It is 16 years since the United Kingdom won the Eurovision Song Contest. The last success was in 1981, when Bucks Fizz won in Ireland

when the women's skirts were ripped off during the dance

The United Kingdom has won the competition three other times since the first

contest in 1956. In 1965 Sandie Shaw stole the limelight with Puppet on a String; in 1969 Lulu won with Boom Bang-a-Bang; and in 1976 Brotherhood of Man won with Save

the United Kingdom was keen to hold the competition again. "We are already looking for a venue for next year."

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Riverdance helps children to step across sectarian divide



Flatley: star of show taken up by Protestants

CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TRADITIONAL Irish dancing is breaking down sectarian barriers in Ulster as Protestant children flock to classes for the first time in the wake of the worldwide success of the

Community leaders are hailing the influence of the show, which stars Michael Flatley, as Protestants ınd Roman Catholics rub shoulders at dancing competitions which were once the preserve of Catholics.

In an extraordinary development Protestant children throughout the

Orange halls for their weekly Irish dancing classes. The halls, where loyalists normally beat out antipapal songs, are now reverberating to the sound of Irish tap-dancing.

Irish dancing burst onto the world stage in 1994 when Riverdance. which livens up Irish dancing with dramatic music, received its first public performance. Since then the York and London

The show, which has grown into a £40 million business, has become so popular that there are now two

Riverdance companies on separate worldwide tours. One group is currently playing in Edinburgh, while the second group of 80 dancers and musicians is touring Australia.

A Protestant dance teacher in Northern Ireland said that her classes had doubled in size as a direct result of Riverdance. Jacqui Haggan, from the fiercely loyalist village of Eden, Co Antrim, who was or they have seen the show, and they are just hooked on it." Her classes have become so popular that Mrs

Haggan recently took over the village's Kilroot Orange hall on Saturday mornings. She said that she had no time for

those who thought that Irish dancing was only for Catholics. She scoffed at those Catholics who were taken aback when they saw her embroidering dancing costumes in the newsagency where she works in a nationalist area of Belfast. To

attracted scores of Protestants from the loyalist Shankhill area of Belfast. The youngsters took part in the recent Shankhill festival where they were cheered on by Orangemen perplexed to see Irish dancing at a loyalist event.

Chris McGimpsey, an Ulster Unionist councillor in the area, said: There is clearly an increasing acceptance of Irish dancing as being

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Broadmoor staff accused of care dispute vendetta

By RICHARD FORD AND IAN MURRAY

Officers' Association in three top security mental hospitals are accused today of waging a vendetta against murses and managers who are trying to improve conditions for 1,400 patients.

They are blamed for a new wave of hate mail, victimisation and intimidation at Broadmoor, Ashworth and Rampton hospitals, which house many of Britain's most dangerous and mentally ill

At one hospital, a toy grenade was found under the car. according to today's report by Professor Elaine Murphy, chairwoman of City and Hackney Community health

in all three hospitals a hard core of staff, at Broadmoor estimated to be 150 or so, are believed to be behind a new wave of hate mail, intimdation of new staff, victimisation of non-members and threats to senior managers," Professor Murphy writes in

MEMBERS of the Prison the latest issue of the British the mail and intimidation was

Medical Journal. In the three hospitals, nurs-

ing staff traditionally belonged to the POA. But since last year, when the hospitals Health Service, there has been an influx of nurses from mainstream hospitals and the POA has lost its sole negotiat-Professor Murphy told The

Times that her information about intimidation and violence came mostly from Broadmoor hospital in Berkshire and Ashworth hospital on Merseyside. She refused to toy grenade had been found. She said that staff at the

hospitals had received hate mail consisting of montages of newspaper reports bearing the words "We are going to get you. We are going to smash you" and "We are going to make sure you do not work in this hospital for long"

Professor Murphy, formerly vice-chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission, said

aimed at staff who were believed to support a more

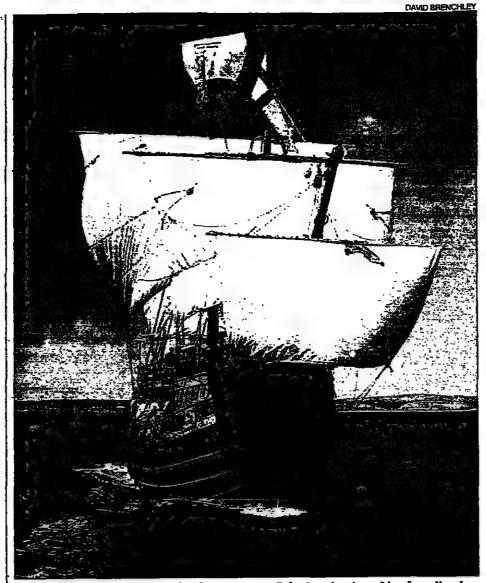
liberal regime in the hospitals.

She said that intimidation. including abusive remarks, physically cornering staff and telling them to watch their leagues and managers.

Ms Murphy said that the POA's rigid, authoritarian and denigrating attitudes to fluence on standards of care. Among patients held in Broadmoor are Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, and in Ashworth, Ian Brady, the moors murderer.

hospitals said they had not received any reports of hate mail or other kinds of intimidation. However, an official at one of the hospitals said there Murphy's allegations and that many people working in the institutions would support her sentiments about the negative attitudes of a core of POA

PEDIGREE CHUM



The Matthew leaves Bristol today to retrace Cabot's epic trip to Newfoundland

All-male voyage runs into storm

A LEADING yachtsman is embarking with an all-male crew on a voyage to retrace John Cabot's 15th-century discovery of Newfoundland.

After slipping anchor in Bristol today, David Alan-Williams hopes to be greeted by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh seven weeks later when he sails a £1.5 million replica of the Matthew into Bonavista harbour.

In his wake, he leaves criticism for having no women among his crew of 19. But Mr Alan-Williams, a crew member of the New Zealand catamaran that holds the lules Verne record for circumnavigating the world in 74 days, denied that he was prejudiced. He said: "It is just not true I am a sexist. I would have been happy to have them among the crew, but the few who applied just

However, Samantha Brewster. 29, the first woman to sail single-handedly around the world against the prevailing winds, said: "On a crew it is about teamwork rather than brute strength. This is just an excuse for being sexist."

The Matthew, an 80ft, three-masted caravel, landed in Newfoundland in 1497, five

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Newfoundland in 1497

an Italian, was commissioned by Henry VII to explore easier sail with a crew of 18, including his three sons.

Today's Matthew, built at a that would have mystified the 15th-century explorer. These include an engine, radar and radio navigational system, flush lavatories and a desalination unit to ensure a supply of fresh water.

For food, the crew will rely on dehydrated stews and soups. These will be supplewill eat as Cabot and his men did on a diet of dried meat.

Killer sent back to Britain as free man

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A BRITON who spent 23 years in jail in Australia for killing four people was due to arrive back in this country from Sydney this morning after

Archie "Mad Dog" Me Cafferty was driven from Sydney's Long Bay Jail yesterday and put on a Heathrow-bound will be a free dian and could live anywhere in Britain. His parole in Australia had strict conditions, including a ban on played a part in his crimes, but they will not be enforceable here.

Australian immigration of ficers refused to give his final destination, but sources said he would probably be accompenied to Glasgow, the city he left 39 years ago as a child when his family emigrated. The council has been reluctantly preparing for his errival.

McCafferty, 49, was jailed in 1974 for murder for leading a gang that carried out three random "thrill killings" in Sydney in 1973. Then aged 23, he was obsessed with the number seven, and said he would kill seven times. In 1981 he was convicted of the man-

slaughter of a fellow prisoner. At a hearing last month Mo-Cafferty claimed he had changed and no longer suffered delusions, and appealed to his victims' relatives for forgiveness. He was granted parole, but Australian immigration authorities insisted an earlier deportation order be carried out. He had never applied for citizenship and became ineligible after his jail

He is due to meet his wife, Mandy, who is thought to have flown to London last weekend. The couple married several years ago while he was

Yesterday a Glasgow coun-cillor, Paul Martin, said it was morally wrong for Australia to dump McCafferty in Scotland. Glasgow City Council confirmed that social workers had made contingency plans.

is cleared

cleared of a murder and three guilty of two assaults and one charge of causing actual bodiiy harm, and will be sen-tericed today at Birmingham Crown Court Mr Justice

and she did not that know she was pregnant. Mrs Kemp, from Selby, North Yorkshire, gave birth to Tracy, who weighed 7lb, as she was

Murder charge

charged with kidnapping a 17year-old woman.

Lord White of Hull raised £2.77 million at Christie's in New York from a sale of art and antiques from their Bel Air mansion. Victoria Tucker, 34, is now married to a millionaire farmer in Idaho.

Shining record

Terry Burrows, 41, from Essex, reclaimed the world window-cleaning record, cleaning three 45in windows in 18.46 National Exhibition Centre. "I was flying the flag for Britain," he said.

Hostel man of murder

Surprise at No 10

Nicholas Burton, Zi, will appear before Stockport mag-istrates today charged with murdering Rachel McGrath, Zi, last Friday. He was re-manded in custody yesterday,

Ice star dies

Sue of the stars of the stading show Holiday on Ice has died while scuba diving in France. John Hayward, 30, from Chippenham, Wiltshire, died on Monday as better? on Monday as he took a break from the show with his Russian girlfriend.

Widow's £2.7m The Californian widow of

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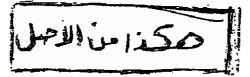
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Civil servants receive guide to traps and pitfalls of accepting hospitality — in and out of the season

Ascot and Henley are sleaze-free but beware the opera

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

ASCOT, Henley and the Chelsea Flower Show are acceptable but Wimbledon, Covent Garden and Glyndebourne are not. This is not a new guide to the season but the ground rules for public ser-vants to protect them from charges of sleave and

Garden or Glyndebourne, where tickets are generally unobtainable by the public should be turned down by civil servants and senior servicemen. A round of golf is OK but

green fees. Free tickets for are also now extremely wary trade shows and fairs are in of offers of hospitality. The but a free flight to Paris for the air show is our

These do's and don'ts are contained in a booklet by Dr Michael Harte, a former se-nior official at the Manistry of Defence. The guide is also intended to help companies Offers of hospitality worth and businessmen who wish to more than £100—and events offer hospitality or gifts to such as Wimbledon, Covent public servants. The golden public servants. The golden rule suggested is don't embar-rass officials with lavish

Many MPs last year shunned invitations for straw-

The new strictness had caused many private firms and businessmen to feel they were being cold-shouldered by officials with whom they have had longstanding contacts.
"Many private firms think their company must have done something wrong. They are confused by the rules that govern civil servants and se-nior officers. So I decided to draw up the boundaries."

the minds of civil servants.

udgment in each case."

In Negotiating Notan — a guide to business ethics in the public sector, Dr Harte bans any overnight stay, free transport (except from the nearest station or airport), and any gift valued at more than £50. His benchmark is, "keep it simple stupid", and, when in doubt, Dr Harte warned com-

panies that they should restrict their efforts to gain



Henley Regatta, from July 2 to 6 this year, is deemed acceptable to officials because the public can buy tickets to watch the rowing events

influence and should never invite the husband or wife of an official. Civil servants should never enter company raffles unless they leave instructions for the prize to be donated to charity, Dr Harte's booklet says.

Officials must decline invitations to stay at a company villa in the south of France, for instance, even for a conference. Companies too should avold such tempting offers. Dr Harte said: "Here it is not the refusal that offends but the He points out that the

maximum allowance rules for

public servants was less than £100 a day. Claiming more was extremely embarrassing. He suggests that if any contract process is under way firms should make no attempt to offer hospitality. Nor should they invite public servants to expensive star-stud-

ded occasions. Dr Harte relates the story of an Army major who was offered tickets for Pavarotti in Manchester. He was uncertain what to do, so consulted his colonel. "With subtle anpreciation of the issues involved, the colonel went himself. It is not easy to see

what Army business needed to be discussed to the strains of Nessun Dorma." Dr Harte believes, however, that a sponsored event by a company at a gallery or museum is an acceptable invitation for some officials. The acceptance of a glass or two of champagne, a w cocktail nibbles - and a full catalogue — is not likely to lead to a parliamentary

investigation. At present there are no blanket rules in Whitehall about hospitality and each department has its own view. Departments monitor offers

anyone determined to cheat the system would not bother to record any offers made.

The Ministry of Defence, with many links with business, has very strict rules. The Department of National Heritage is also strict, because of its role in sponsoring arts and sporting events. But it would be judged acceptable for a senior official to make, for example, three visits to the Royal National Theatre a

The Inland Revenue has a simple test — clearly ignored any gift or hospitality unless the official could claim it back as a departmental expense if he or she had paid for it.

Dr Harte adds in a note of would be a remarkably stupid civil servant to make or change a decision as a result of a good meal or night at the opera. He suggests that if the official is corrupt he would seek a higher price.

Dr Harte comments that it would be a highly unintelligent outside operator who

English asparagus makes perfect pick-me-up

THE English asparagus season is now in full swing, three weeks earlier than usual. A 100g portion supplies three quarters of the foliate and a quarter of. the vitamin C required each day (Robin. Young writes). Asparagus spoils rapidly in storage; so it should be easen

Glyndebourne is out because few tickets are available

Traditionally used in foll medicine as a tonic and; a sectative asparagus has also seen resonanced for resoing neuritis; rheumaism, poor system and toothache, it is, though; one of the few vegetables high in purines, which gout sufferers should avoid

of wric acid salts in the joints. Promotions this week include: Asda: rump steak-£6.49 a kg, pork chops £2.99 s kg, selected ready meals three for price of two, frozen premium cod fillets in

beiter £2.85 for 600g.

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asparagus and mushroom souffle £2.99. ecland: top rump steaks El.49 for two, harr and pineapple stonebake pizza 99p for 9h, pork chops, E3.99 for 1.36kg, basted chicken E3.99 for Z.4-2.6 kg.

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£1.19 for 680g, brisket of beef £3.06 a kg. Safeway: topside/silverside/top rump with basing fat 15.29 a kg, unsmoked Danish gammon steaks with pineapple £1.69 for two (277g). Double Gloucester cheese 99p for

frozen cod portions in crumb £1,95 for six, NZ leg lamb £5,29 a kg, fillet steak £13.88 a kg, closed cup mushrooms £1.69 for 750g. Somerfield: pork loin chops £3.99 a kg, chicken breasts £3.55 for 520g, Wiltshire ham 69p a 4 b, thin and crispy ham and mushroom pizza 99p for 315g. Tesco: forerib of beef £4.49 a kg, half leg of lamb £4.85 a kg, pork chops £3.99 a kg, monkfish £3.99 a lb, raw peeled tiger prawns £1.49 a k lb, carots 5tp for 1.5kg, onions 52p

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Brawl forces pilot to land

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

A JET had to make an unscheduled landing yester-day after two men allegedly attacked other passengers in a drawken brawl.

The aircraft was flying 326 people home to Manchester from a hollday in Mexico. The fighting began an hour before touchdown. One passenger was injured and the crew landed the Airtours Boeing 767 at Shannon in Ireland.

the surprise of airline officiais, they were allowed to leave. Last night the two were believed to be making their own way to Manchester, where they face being charged with endangering aircraft safety and being drunk on board.

Passengers who had complained about the men's behaviour helped the crew to restrain the two after they had allegedly hit a 51-year-old

trying to protect his wife. If found guilty, the men could fine of £2,000. Both airlines and courts are clamping down on drunken and violent behaviour on board aircraft.

Manchester police had expected the men to be handed over to them and were angry at the lack of action by the Irish. Airtours said it was taking the incident "very seriously" and was determined to

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New rules mean only a few owners of blighted homes can expect hardship payments of up to £5,000

Rail link compensation is an insult, say residents

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

HOUSEHOLDERS in Kent whose homes have lost thousands of pounds in value because of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link are protesting over tough new compensation rules that have been slipped out by the Government.

After studying details of the scheme they feel let down by the Department of Transport and believe only a handful will benefit from compensation. Under the proposals, victims who lived within 100 metres of the rail route between June 1990 and April 1994 could receive up to 55,000 as a "solace" payment for exceptional hardship.

Stephen Hinton, a surveyor and expert on planning blight, said the scheme was an insult. "If you live near a new road, whether it is a motorway or trunk road, a park-and-ride scheme, or a power station, you will be bought out or you will be paid compensation. You would not have to live



should be consistent. But as

well as limiting payments to £5,000, the Transport Depart-

ment had also drawn up

stringent eligibility rules.
Claimants have to prove

that they suffered exceptional

hardship. Loss of a job would

not count. Someone in need of

cashing in on the equity in

their home, to extend the

mortgage for an extension or other loan, would also be

excluded. Mary Durling, who

within 100 metres — you could live 300 or 400 metres away and still be paid."

He said someone with a £150,000 house on the route of the M25 would either have been able to sell his home for full value or would have expected to receive about £30,000 in compensation.

Mr Hinton said hundreds of people along the rail route should be eligible for substantial compensation and the law said: "I think it is wicked the way everyone has been treated." The Durlings had hoped to extend their Victorian cottage but with property values plummeting they were unable to raise extra borrowings on a mortgage.

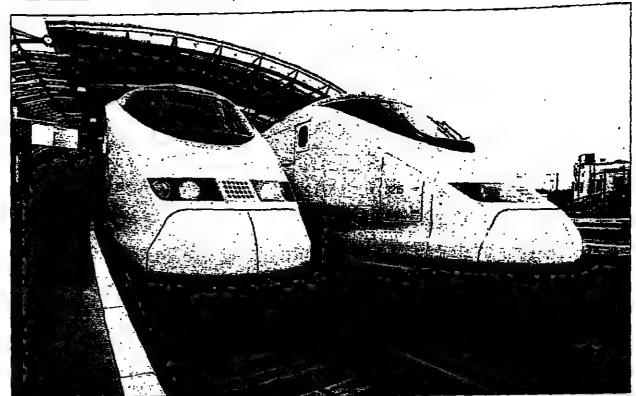
"The rail line will be 400 meters from us, and it is

has lived in the village of Boxley for 18 years with her

husband and four children.

"The rail line will be 400 metres from us, and it is possible we will lose the end of the garden," Mrs Durling said. "It's not just the financial hardship, I really want to keep my garden, and it may be months before we know what is happening. This really is a case of justice delayed and justice denied. It is almost like legalised theft."

Colin Margerum, 60, an engineer, and his wife. Daphne, 58, designed their large detached home on Bluebell Hill, near Chatham, 17 years ago. Their three children have left home and the couple have wanted to move to a smaller house but stand to lose 160,000 if they sell. Their



The Eurostar trains that will run on the link. Some residents will lose a part of their garden to the scheme

home is on top of the proposed rail tunnel and they have been told there is no guarantee on the sub-soil. Mr Margerum said: If the Government accept this scheme then democracy has gone out of the window and treachery has taken over.

The best we think of now is in terms of damage limitation. We feel very let down about the way we've been treated."

The Transport Department made clear the intention was to help only "a small number of cases". Details were re-

leased by Sir George Young in a Commons report in response to Sir William Reid, former Parliamentary Ombudsman, who accused the Transport Department of "unquestionable maladministrative" in the property of the property of

compensation to families trapped in homes they could not sell.

Michael Buckley, the new ombudsman, offered cautious

approval but said his views



Breast test backs old doctors' tale

THERE is a traditional belief in medicine that women who take more exercise in their leisure hours, or who have jobs that involve manual work, are less likely to develop cancer of the breast.

A Norwegian research team led by Dr Inger Thune of the University of Tromso has spent 14 years surveying 25,000 young to middle-aged women, investigating the effect of exercise on the incidence of cancer of the breast. The epidemiologists found that the old-fashioned doctors advice, that exercise is anticarchiogenic, may have been based on observation rather than science but was nevertheless sound.

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In the Norwegian study the women who took brisk regular exercise at least four times a week cut the incidence of breast cancer by 37 per cent. those who had a hard manual job were half as likely to develop breast cancer as their office-bound compatriots. These differences were still evident even after allowance had been made for diet, obesity, size of family and menstrual history, all of

which are possible confounding factors.

Although no evidence was produced to confirm it, the assumption has always been that the benefit of exercise in relation to breast cancer is linked to changes in oestrogen levels. These are inversely related to exercise exercise to absurd levels so upset the oestrogen balance that they stop ovulating and menstruating. It has been established in the past that there is a direct relationship between the height of the oestrogen blood levels and breast cancer. Other factors that increase oestrogen levels increase the risk of breas cancer, hence the very slight

hazard present in HRT.

Women, like men, should aim to take regular, steady, not excessive exercise. This will reduce cestrogen levels to a point at which breast cancer is less likely but the risk of osteoporosis and, if younger, infectible, is not increased.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



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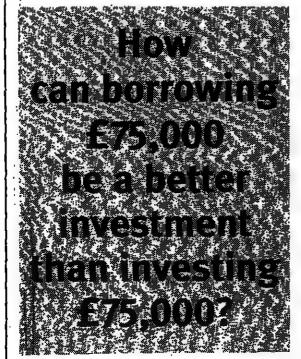
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Bulgaria savours rare success as wine exports flow

rumble of the conveyor belt. a clammy heat gathers around the production line. The nightshift at the Vinprom ousse winery in northern Bulgaria has another two-

and-a-half hours to go.

The five women on the line wearily pack the boxes, invariably for the British market. At the moment it is the Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon, but the 800 workers in this sprawling plant are equally familiar with "own label" brands — Sainsbury, Marks and Spencer, Tesco and Safeway. At an average wage of \$80 (£50) a month, they see names of faraway places about which they know little.

"Maybe in England any-body can buy wine," says Mariana Racheva, who has worked at this conveyor belt for five years. "But for us, we get given some by the company on special occasions -Christmas and the New Year."

Her friend, Violeta Atansova, taking a cigarette break in the delivery yard, says that after nine years at the plant, life is getting harder. "If I finish at night or early in the morning. I'm scared to walk home." she says. "There are gangsters on the streets, and the money is now a big pro-blem. Everything is becoming more expensive.

But there is little bitterness: these, after all, are Bulgarians with jobs in one of the few economic sectors that thrives. The abiding British passion for Bulgarian wine - it maintains a healthy 5 per cent of the British market - has helped state wineries such as Vinprom Rousse to develop into major export-oriented companies, now ripe for privatisation. Vinprom Rousse produces 50 million bottles a year, or about 15 per cent of Bulgarian production, and its expansion will continue once local land-ownership disputes are

Apart from being productive and profitable - adjectives not common in the

Tom Walker reports from Rousse, in northern Bulgaria, on an efficient and enterprising business with a nose for making profit from the British market

own, "I didn't bother voting,

because they are all liars."

Only the new President, Petar

realise that a privatised future

means cost-cutting and, unless he can plant new vineyards fast, job losses. "I think we

have 20 per cent too many

workers," he says in the

company boardroom, where

the many blends of Rousse

Cabernet Sauvignon and

how lucky they are. We give

them free transport, free medi-

cine. But this factory is an

oasis. We buy all our inputs

with Bulgarian money, and

we sell in dollars. We don't

have to worry about money for

The marketing publicity

paying our staff."

Chardonnay are on display. These people do not realise

Stoyanov, gains approval. Dimiter Panov, Vinprom Rousse's production director, worries that his staff do not

Bulgarian industrial lexicon the wine industry has also remained miraculously free of corruption, Former Communist Party bosses have sold the country's wheat illegally, even its water, its wine, however,

remains in safe hands. "It's one of our best prodsays Krassen Stancheav, executive director of the Sofia-based Institute of Market Economics. "In quality it is comparable to French wines. but the price is three times less. It's probably the best example we have of a traditional, competitive product."

This means little to the women packing the boxes. For them, the recently elected Bulearian Government is likely to be as incompetent as its predecessor. The only real difference to the Communist era is that they have both bought their flats. "I survive by the day." says Ms Atansova, who brings up two children on her

from the Bulgarian Wine Guild does not quite capture the essence of the Rousse winery. It describes the terraced banks of the Danube, the hillside vineyards, the dry summers and long autumns, the black soil and ripened grapes. There is little mention of the plant's chimneys, steel thermostabilisation" vats, the concrete flyover and workers' housing estates. For Mr Panov, survival is

about selling as many gallons of wine as possible. Sainsbury and Marks and Spencer could define their blends as they like - oaky, complex fruity, whatever — as long as they pay. "If you turn up with a vat outside the gates I'll fill it for you. Business is business," he explains.

For Ms Atansova also, that is all that matters. "We don't have strikes here," she says. "When you get your money, everything is OK."



HMS Beaver, attended by an RAF helicopter, docks in Hong Kong yesterday as Britain's withdrawal nears

Colony activists told to leave

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

حكذا سالاصل

THE Chinese trade union leader and former political prisoner, Han Dongfang, yeswarned dissidents sheltering in Hong Kong to go abroad before the July handover or face persecution

from Beijing. Mr Han, 34, added that the factories in China owned by Hong Kong businessmen had some of the worst records for As one of the organisers of China's "free trade unions", those not under Communist Party control, Mr Han was imprisoned for almost two years after the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown in Beijing and was then allowed to go to the United States for atment for the tuberculosis

he contracted in prison. In 1993, when he tried to reenter China, he was immediately sent to Hong Kong where he has lived for four

am sure that after July they will come for me. I can't protect myself. They can send me to jail for any political Mr Han advised the 80 or

so mainland dissidents still in the colony to leave now because China could apprehend them on criminal charges for having entered Hong Kong lilegally. "And if they are arrested nere uncut will be no reaction because they are mainlanders." Mr Han added.



Han: treated in America

Gingrich urges China trade limit

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

CHINA'S trading privileges with the United States depend on its treatment of Hong Kong after the colony reverts to Beljing's rule, Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, has said. This week he threw his

weight behind a "litmus test" proposal to extend China's most favoured nation trading status for only three to six months while its behaviour towards Hong Kong is judged. His comments came at the end of a three-day trip to Washington by Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, which was intended to reassure America that Hong Kong's free markets will be preserved, as well as to pave the way for the visit of President Jiang Zemin. President Clinton declared that he was 'quite satisfied" with what Mr Qian said, adding: "I certainly hope that it will reflect Chinese

The Hong Kong handover on July 1 is proving a focus for concerns about America's relations with China, the most contentious area of its foreign policy. The annual Congress vote to renew China's lowtariff trade status is usually a formality. But this year, anti-Chinese sentiment among those who see the country as America's only external threat

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has called that into question. Beijing's attempt to join the World Trade Organisation, which needs American assent, faces even more congressional

opposition. Critics of Beiling hope to use White House embarrassment over allegations of Chinese contributions to Democratic fund-raising to push President Clinton into taking a tougher line towards the Communist leadership. America buys about a lifth,

or \$30 billion (£18.4 billion), of China's annual exports, particularly consumer goods. In-return, it supplies high tech-nology and billions of dollars of inward investment

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Kidnaps blamed on North Korea

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

JAPAN vesterday accused North Korea of kidnapping ten Japanese nationals, and stuck to its refusal to give food aid to the famine-hit country. Katsuhiko Shirakawa, the chairman of the Japanese National Public Safety Commission, said North Korean commandos carried out the abduction of a schoolgirl in northern Japan 20 years ago. Megumi Yokota, then I3, went missing on her way home from school, but suspicions that she might have been kidnapped and taken to North Korea have never been substantiated.

Mr Shirakawa told a parliamentary committee yesterday that he could "say with certainty that Pyongyang was involved. Another senior police official Okiharu Date, testified that Miss Yokota's abduction brought to ten the number of victims snatched by North Korean agents. This is the first time Japanese security authorities have officially pinned the blame on the Stalinist nation.

North Korea has said children are dying of hunger, and recent visitors said this week that farmers were delaying burials until corpses putrefy for fear they will be dug up by

Japanese officials have spec-ulated that Miss Yokota and other victims were taken to North Korea to help to train spies in Japanese language and behaviour. But some ex-perts say this is unlikely, given the thousands of Koreans born in Japan who could easily be recruited.

Yasuhiko Yoshida, a former senior UN official who teaches international relations at Saitama University, said: The only source for these [abduction] stories is South Korea, and conservative politicians here are using them for North Korea-bashing."

Yukihiko Ikeda, the Foreign Minister, conceded yesterday that information about Miss Yokota's abduction was provided by South Kores.

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Polisario guerrillas threaten to renew war as dispute over Western Sahara referendum drags on

Baker embarks on UN tour to prevent new desert conflict

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

FIVE years after leaving office, James Baker is again engaged in intensive shuttle diplomacy to prevent a new

This time, however, the former American Secretary of State is acting on behalf of the United Nations and is attempting to broker a settlement of one of the most intractable conflicts in a remote corner of Africa. As a special envoy of Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, he has just returned from a five-day tour of the Maghreb to stop conflict erupting again in

. Most of the vast, barren patch of desert on the Atlantic coast has been occupied by Morocco since Spain pulled out of its colony in 1975.
However, Polisario, the political front demanding independence for the region, has been waging a guerrilla war that was halted only in 1992 after the United Nations sent peacekeepers to the region with the promise of supervising a referendum on the territory's

> The vote, however, has become bogged down in argu-



Polisario leaders have threatened to resume attacks.

Mr Baker had talks last week with King Hassan of Morocco and Algerian lead-ers, who for more than two decades have backed the Polisario claims. Some 100,000 Saharan refugees who fled from the territory after its annexation by Morocco in 1975 are living in desert camps in Tindouf, just inside Algeria. Mr Baker also visited these

camps at the weekend.

Western Sahara, the size of
England, has so few inhabitants that if they stood equidis-tant to each other in the to see anyone else. However, it is rich in minerals, especially phosphates, and has valuable fishing off its coast.

The UN has grown increasingly frustrated by the delays to the referendum. Polisario says that Morocco has flooded the territory with inhabitants from the north, and wants only the 74,000 to vote who can prove they were included in the last Spanish census in 1974; Morocco says that many of the new inhabitants are Saharans who were forced into exile by the Spanish and have returned home.

Last year the UN voted to cut Minurso, its peacekeeping force, by 20 per cent and



A refugee from Western Sahara welcomes James Baker, the UN special envoy, on the last leg of his peace tour at Smara camp in the Algerian desert

threatened to pull out alto-gether unless the two sides agreed on the terms of the

of May 31 to hold the poll, first proposed for 1992. Each side has blamed the other for obstructing the vote; Morocco says Polisario knows that it will be defeated in any referen-

dum; the front accused Rabat of trying to consolidate the

Mr Baker's mission has the clear backing of the Clinton great danger in renewed con-flict. Washington has given strong support to Rabat. seen

talism. With the brutal civil war in Algeria taking many lives and inhibiting Western investment, the Americans fear that Islamic radicals would take advantage of any new conflict to threaten King Hassan's Government.

Morocco occupied the territory just before the Spanish withdrawal, sending 350,000

But our land is better and the

kind of flower that grows here

is bigger, so hopefully we will outdo them soon," said Senor

Rodriguez, who collects san

from his poppies at least three

times a year and then manu-

factures the drug in a make-

shift laboratory which he shares with neighbouring

The fields are camouflaged

from overflying anti-narcotics

and has welcomed Mr Baker's people south in a "Green March". Some 30 per cent of the former colony was also controlled by Mauritania. vhere Saharan refugees also live. Those in Tindouf live in harsh conditions.

Polisario, with few weapons and little leverage in the conflict, has accused past United Nations mediators of bias, intervention. As a sign of goodwill, Polisario released 85 of the 2,000 Moroccan prisoners held in rudimentary jails. Mr Baker has now to decide

whether the proposed vote and

resettlement can go ahead or

whether it should be scrapped

and replaced with a new plan.

Olympics and more of it every day," said

dip into gene pool Sydney: Dawn Fraser, Austra-

lia's greatest living Olympic legend, is poised to share the genetic make-up that turned her into a three-times gold medallist swimmer (Roger Maynard writes). In a move which many

might regard as vulgar, a set of lapel badges containing the former Olympic swimmer's DNA are to be sold in Sydney. 'Pin fever", the practice of collecting as many lapel badges as possible, swept the Atlanta Olympics and it seems the 2000 Games in Sydney will be no different.

Fifty million pins were sold at Atlanta, and Aminco, the company which won the right to make badges for Sydney, anticipates a similar craze. The Fraser badge will carry a photograph of the woman who, until Atlanta, was the only Olympic competitor to win gold in the same event in three consecutive Games.

new anti-drug unit

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Mexican Government, ble to join the new unit but. hoping to send a clear signal of intent to Washington, yesterday replaced its corrupt anti-drugs force just days before a visit by President

While the announcement of the new unit, and a parallel the security checks. New anti-crime squad, was de agents will receive better salasigned to smooth strained vance of the presidential tour next week, it provoked questions as to the effectiveness of Cuellar, Mexico's Attorneyeither force,

The new anti-trafficking unit, to be known as the Special Prosecutor's Office for Attention to Drug Crimes, will be created from a nucleus of trusted agents formerly led by General Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, the director who in February was discovered to .. be working for Mexican drug cartels. All 1,100 officers who worked under him are eligi-

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for the first time, will be subject to the most stringent background checks.

A feam of physicians, psy-chologists, social workers and polygraph technicians has been assembled to implement ries and benefits as an incenbribes from drug barons.

For weeks, Jorge Mandrazo General, has been involved in a claudestine programme to shake up the law enforcement establishment and to reduce the influence of the cartels on security forces.

The new organised crime unit, he said, would bring together a series of trusted investigators not merely to combat drug smugglers, but also money launderers and arms dealers.

Mexico announces | Colombian peasants cash in on poppies THE steep and remote Ande-

an mountain slopes covered in cloud forest, just above the town of Hulls in central Colombia, are proving ideal to grow the red poppies which once the milky opium sap used to make heroin.

Poppy fields planted in this isolated and hard to reach region, at more than 11,500ft above sea level, are the sourceof more than 60 per cent of the heroin that is shipped to the Figures released by

American Embassy in Bogota show that Colombians have snapped up trade to cities on the East Coast of the US and are now vying for the European market, to become the first large-scale heroin suppliers in South America. Andean peasants or campe-

sinos; wrapped in their ponchos and llama-wool hats as they tend their fields, have in the past years moved in on the trade, so far controlled by traffickers in Asia - chiefly those in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Thailand.



Andean villagers are taking over the heroin market, Gabriella Gamini reports from Huila in Colombia

Last year the Colombians produced about 100 tonnes of the drug, according to police *Campesinos in the central highlands are becoming tough rivals for the Asians sector of the US heroin market," said Klaus Niholm, director of the United Nations Drugs Control Programme in

Colombia. Colombia has traditionally been a cocaine producer. But the bigger profits to be made from heroin have boosted production. Abundant volcanic soil makes poppies thrive. "Our poppies grow huge and produce heavy heads

laden with opium;" said Alfonso Rodriguez, who razed several hectares of forest recently to expand his poppy planta-

tion, 100 miles above Huila. "At first we used to draw the sap and then hand it over to a middleman who would supply now learnt how to process the

said. "Experts from Thailand came to teach us how to do it



helicopters by lush forest that heroin ourselves to sell it," he surrounds them. Most of the 50,000 people who inhabit Huila and surrounding mountain villages rely on heroin production for their

> the same income. They will continue with their illegal production as long as the Government fails to install basic infrastructure. schools and hospitals in their remote region.

livelihood.

This makes more money that marijuana, cocaine and Many campesinos are leav-ing their mountain farms or

Señor Rodríguez.

coffee plantations in the lower areas to grow the flower in the cloud forests. Aside from generating a dependency on an illegal product, their activity is also having devastating environmental consequences. -"Opium poppies are grown in areas just below the highest

forest cover, where the main rivers are born," said Senor Niholm, "Large-scale destruc tion of this forest is causing erosion and will also be harmful to the water of the country. "Heroin production could destroy all of Colombia's An-

Locals say that no other crop dean water sources over the has ever provided them with years," he added. Colombia's anti-narcotics police says it does not have the means to reach the remote

areas. "These remote areas are autside government control and have been neglected over decades, so the heroin trade will just keep on expanding," any other drug put together said Señor Niholm.

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Peru charges police over hostage crisis

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

als, with being negligent and disobedient in a security lapse that let Marxist rebels seize the Japanese Ambassador's residence for four months.

General Cesar Saucedo, the Interior Minister, said that two former top intelligence officers, who were among the hostages, might be jailed for their role in the events leading to the 18-week stand-off in Lima with Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement rebels. The minister told Congress

that intelligence agents had been given a warning that rebels were planning a massive raid to take hostages sometime late last year. He also said that Japanese officials had requested, but did not receive, police reinforcements for the cocktail party on December 17, held to celebrate Emperor Akihito's birthday.

Fourteen heavily armed rebels seized the compound during the party and held 72 stormed the residence on April 22. All the rebels, two soldiers and a hostage died during the rescue operation. .General Saucedo, whose

predecessor, General Juan Briones Davila, resigned three days before the Government mounted its raid, said the police officers would be tried by a military tribunal on charges of negligence and disobedience. "They will be punished hard," he said.

The 19 accused include General Guillermo Boggio Cevallos, the former head of state security, and General Maximo Rivera Diaz, the former head of anti-terrorism police, who were among the

President Fujimori announced that the 140 commandos who took part in the hostage rescue would be promoted a rank. He also said that the two soldiers who died would be "declared national heroes".

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German Left and neo-Nazis clash in May Day ritual

FIERCE street battles between shaven-headed neo-Nazis and their masked left-wing opponents erupted in Germany yesterday in what has become

a May Day ritual of violence. In all, more than 100,000 people demonstrated at rallies across the country, protesting against record unemployment and an accompanying rise in right-wing extremism.

Some cities, such as Leipzig and Berlin, resembled armed encampments as scores of riot police forries were deployed in central streets to head off

The first clashes came in Lower Saxony at the town of Hannoversch Münden. Three hundred right-wing extremists, shouting "Germany for the Germans", overwhelmed a smaller counterdemonstration of about 50 leftwingers. The police were taken by surprise, the rally not having been announced in ad-

hours to separate the warring groups. Some people were injured, but no figures were immediately available. The biggest neo-Nazi gath-

ering had been expected in Leipzig as a way of exploiting crowds who were in the eastern city for trade union

Klaus Zwickel, head of the powerful metal workers' union, called out: "Don't give the neo-Nazis a chance - we have to deal with them politically!" Hundreds of unionists joined hands to encircle the rally and one union speaker told the audience: "Let us show the world that Leipzig has nothing in common with

these right-wing rateatchers." The authorities had banned the neo-Nazi demonstration but about 70,000 invitations had been sent to sympathisers in Germany and Austria. About 3,000 arrived in the city: by midday the police had detained about 140 as they

> The mood of this year's May Day was significantly influenced by the union speeches which were angrier than in previous years. Germany's record unemployment has fuelled passions as many workers fear they will be the next victims of austerity cuts.
> "Since Helmut Kohl has

would take place after night-

a sign of things to come,

cars were set ablaze.

several BMWs and Mercedes

In previous years police

have used stand-off tactics;

this year Jörg Schönbohm,

Berlin's Interior Minister,

who is a former general, said that the police would tackle

the demonstrators head-on.

About 4.000 officers in full

body armour were on duty in Berlin as neo-Nazis issued a

warning that they would "not

let the anarchists get away

been in office Germany has experienced mass unemployment," said Herr Zwickel in Leipzig. "The blame is his. The Government has failed and the employers have made things worse by trying to boost their profits at our expense." ☐ Zurich: Swiss anarchists and leftwingers clashed with police in the Swiss capital yesterday at the end of a peaceful march by 3,000 people to mark May Day.

About 300 masked anarchists and leftwingers pelted police with stones and firecrackers, daubed a newspaper headquarters with red paint and set rubbish bins on fire. Police used water cannon to disperse the crowd and no one was injured.

Clashes between anarchists and police have been a May Day tradition in Zurich for several years. (AFP)



Members of Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front shout slogans near the Joan of Arc statue in Paris yesterday

Thousands rally to Le Pen flag

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JEAN-MARIE Le Pen, France's extreme right-wing leader, launched a vitriolic attack on President Chirac and the Government of Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, yesterday, during his traditional May Day march through the streets of Paris in homage to Joan of

M Le Pen led a procession of 20,000 according to the organisers, and 8,000 according to police. They laid a wreath at the gold-plated statue of Joan of Arc in the Place des Pyramides before arriving at the Place de l'Opéra. The leader of the anti-

immigration National Front party walked on to the stage to the strains of Amazing Grace, played by a kilted bagpiper, apparently unaware that it was originally a negro spiritual.

He opened his speech by paying a surprising tribute to the Scots who joined the French Army to fight the English with Joan at Orleans. In front of the old Paris Opera, before a wooden back-



Jean-Marie Le Pen addressing followers yesterday

lon. Marignane and Vitrolles, the four southern French cities under National Front control, M Le Pen boomed his attack on the Centre-Right to a crowd seething with tricolours and

the fleur de lys of royal France. He accused M Chirac of political opportunism by calling a snap election, which he termed "a political hold-up" and railed against Maastricht

and a united Europe. He also criticised the Government's immigration policy and employment record and drop showing Orange, Tou- called for M Chirac to follow the example of General de Gaulle and resign honourably if he did not win a majority. Children and old women sold sprigs of lily of the valley

-a French May Day tradition - but the tiny bouquets were wrapped in cellophane decorated with the black National

On trees and lampposts posters showed cheery, pinkcheeked children wearing a sort of scouting uniform, engaged in various sporting wife, Catherine, standing on pursuits under the slogan his behalf, w "Adventure and Tradition". in February:

They were advertising the National Front's youth camps, and all the children were

The parade was led by a Joan of Arc. dressed in chain mail and astride a white charger. Her helmeted bodyguards, also on horseback and dressed in white tunics, were reminiscent of the Ku Klux

Then came mothers pushing prams and, amid a sea of tricolours, chanting, black-booted skinheads marched with red, white and blue banners proclaiming "France for the French", "RPR, PS, UDF, PC - Let's Zap Them", and "Le Pen is Love".

Well-dressed students, elderly couples, small children and a large proportion of women were more substantially represented. M Le Pen announced on the

eve of the parade that he would not run in the poll, preferring to wait for the presidential elections in 2002. The party's number two, Brano Megret, is expected to do well in Vitrolles where his his behalf, was elected mayor

Cancer 'linked to cow's milk'

FROM TUNKU VARADIARAJAN IN NEW YORK

WOMEN who drink cow's milk run a far greater risk of contracting breast cancer than those who do not, according to research by a group of American scientists.

The finding, which is likely to provoke widespread alarm, was published this week in Good Medicine, the journal of the Washington-based Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. The committee is wellknown for advocating a vegan diet, which avoids meat and animal products, including milk.

Writing in the journal, Neal Barnard, the committee's president, describes cow's milk and other dairy products as a "veritable cocktail of cancer-causing chemicals". Dr Bernard writes: "It is not just the grease dripping out of a cheese pizza that is under scrutiny. Even skimmed milk is implicated."

According to the report, based largely on research by Jessica Outwater, a nutritional scientist at Princeton University. breast cancer is caused by two contaminants present in cow's milk - oestrogen and a growth-promoting peptide known as IGF-L

The report continues: Excess oestrogen is wellknown for making breast cancer 'cells multiply, which is 'why doctors avoid prescribing oestrogen supplements to-cancer patients." A pregnant cow-has high oestrogen levels, which filter into the milk.

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Of even greater concera, says Dr Barnard, is the IGF-I, of which there are 30 microgrammes in every litre of cow's milk. This peptide, not destroyed by pasteurisation, "encourages breast cancer cells to multiply". There is "more IGF-I in milk than is good

industry attacked the report as "totally baseless",

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Red Square revellers denounce Yeltsin

FROM ROBIN LODGE

TENS of thousands of flag-waving communists marched through Moscow to mark May Day yesterday, demanding the resignation of President Yeltsin and the dissolution of the Government.

The crowd was addressed at

the edge of Red Square — cordoned off by police — by Gennadi Zyuganov, the leader of the Russian Communist Party and runner-up in last year's presidential elections.

"We don't trust either the President or the Government," Mr Zyuganov said. Attempts are being made to

dilemma that ufflicts millions of other Turks and foreigners

trying to make sense of the

country's antiquated national ity laws; it is next to impossi-ble to hold dual citizenship in

Germany. Herr Kohl's daughter-in-law would thus

have to choose between living as a foreigner or adopting the citizenship of a country she

The issue represents more than a gossip-column oddity, since it comes in the middle of

a busy, unpleasantly tinged

debate about who is and who

is not a German. For several

decades Germans have lived

with a strange phenomenon ethnic Germans from Russia.

Kazakhstan, Romania and

many other Eastern countries are automatically given Ger-

man citizenship since, al-though they often do not

speak the language, they are regarded as "family".

Turks, on the other hand, were encouraged to come to

Germany after the war to compensate for manpower

shortages. They settled here

and their children and grand-

children went to German

schools, supported German football teams, paid German

taxes and spoke the language fluently. Yet they were unable

to become German citizens and were thus barred from all-

civil service and many public-

but if she were to be a teacher or have political ambitions she would end up without a job in a society which has

serious problems integrating

its two million Turks.

Miss Sozen, like Peter Kohl, is a banker based in London.

barely knows.

bring our country to its slogans were a May Day

knees." Demonstrators waved red banners and portraits of Lenin and Stalin, and the atmosphere remained goodhumoured, with most people enjoying the sunshine. Kiosks selling beer and vodka did a

lively trade. In a radio address, Mr Yeltsin noted that rallies and the authorities, they will condemn the President," he said. "But they have the right to do so and this is what we have fought for."

In the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, a few hundred demonstrators gathered in a park to protest against unpaid wages and pensions.

Kohl son's romance highlights plight of migrant Turks

BY ROGER BOYES

HELMUT KOHL, the Gersparked outrage in Turkey when he suggested, in a speech to Christian Democrats, that Ankara was not ready to be a member of the European Union.

Now, it emerges, his 32-year-old son, Peter, is friendly with a Turkish woman and may be, if excitable parts of the Turkish press are to be believed, on the brink of an

For Germans, it is posing an intriguing riddle: if Peter Kohl were indeed to marry Elif Sozen, 29, would she become a German? The couple's children - speculative opinion might be jumping the gun a bit, but this is as close as federal Germany comes to most certainly be registered as

However, the future Frau Sozen-Kohl would face the



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Thousands left to die as Zaire airlift begins

being left to die in the mud of hour another group of Rwanrific wounds, emerges from the forest. Hungry and frightened, they trudge towards an assembly point or, in some cases, collapse by the side of the rutted road.

Since being stampeded into the forest early last week by hostile villagers and armed rebels, about 20,000 refugees have ventured from their hiding places. Another 65,000 remain lost — their plight left to the imagination. Living rough, they have only dirty water to drink and little or nothing to eat.

As many as 10,000 are gathered at the makeshift. camp of Biaro, 35 miles south of Kisangani, where they have been told to await transport to a transit camp near the city's airport. In the past two days, more than 2,000, those strong enough for the journey, have been transported from Biaro by main and lorry

The well-being of these cople doesn't count for the repels," said an aid worker trying to cope with the flood of refugees leaving the forest. "All the rebels want is to be done with them. They're being treated like garbage: the rebels are just looking for the easiest

way to dispose of them."

Once ferried across the Zaire river, they are loaded on to United Nations lorries. Yesterday the UN repatriated ,438 Rwandans from eastern Twenty thousand refugees have left the forests to be airlifted to safety, but for thousands more there is no salvation, David Orr reports from Kisangani

Zaire aboard seven flights. Logistical difficulties in reaching the refugees, and administrative obstacles created by the rebels, mean repairiation

cannot take place fast enough. Joining an aid convoy which set off for Biaro early yesterday morning, I came across hundreds of sick and weary refugees emerging from the forest. Kasese camp, which just over a week ago had been teeming with about 50,000 people, is now deserted. Clothes, cooking pots, and small piles of food lie among the demolished huts, telling of

a hasty and terrified flight. From the stench of death which lies heavily on the air, countless rotting corpses must be scattered over the land. We found one man by the roadside, too weak to move, and took him aboard our vehicle. He had multiple gashes to his head and legs. The wounds, deep and infec-ed, were covered in flies.

The [rebel] soldiers came into our camp with local vil-lagers," said Josue Mutabari, "There was shooting and I tried to run. But I was at-

Talks to go ahead

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

FACE-TO-FACE talks between President Mobutu and Laurent Kabila, the rebel-leader, are due to go ahead today aboard a South African warship amid fresh uncertainty and pessimism over the ability of the two sides to agree on conditions for an orderly transition of power in

The talks were back on track last night after Mr Mobam's officials said that the they had been postponed by a day until tomorrow, apparently because President

talks, had to attend a prior engagement. The South Afri-can leader will today escort Mr Mobutu to the ship off Zaire from the Congolese coastal town of Ponto Noire. while Thabo Mbeki, his deputy, will accompany Mr Kabila

Bill Richardson, President Clinton's special envoy, secured an eleventh-hour agreement from President Mobutu to meet Mr Kabila on the SAS Outeniqua anchored in the

my family is."

Tents set up by aid agencies at Biaro some weeks ago are full of refugees in need of food and medical attention. The sick lie in their own lith beside naked corpses. Somewho is dead and who is alive.

While in the camp I saw only, three agencies - Unicef, Save the Children and the local organisation — at work. Attempts by many Kisangani agencies to reach refugees have been hindered by the rebels, often on security

"Friends brought me here on Monday," said Vincent Sigewambere, who has a bullet wound in his thigh. "I was in Kasese early last week when the attack came. I put up my hands and tried to surrender, but a soldier just shot me and walked off."

Outside Biaro camp, a woman emerging from the forest gave me a handwritten note: "Help us to go out of the wood, as we are very afraid of being killed."

The testimonies of these people add weight to growing evidence of rebel atrocities. Those not targeted directly are victims of wilful neglect by the rebels - members of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire. Their assistance now in an evacuation after weeks of stalling is a belated attempt to win back lost international



Hutu refugees arriving at Kigali in Rwanda after a UN flight from Kisangani

Girlfriend of Ellen 'first-time lesbian'

IN NEW YORK AND GILES WHITTELL

A STARK division opened up in the United States yesterday after the leading lady of the Ellen television series revealed to a prime-time audience that she was a lesbian, pitting the side which shricks "Come out" against that which

says "Come off it". The barry bookseller, who is played by Ellen DeGeneres in the programme, breathed the words "I'm gay" to the object of her affections. The Disneyowned ABC network charged more than \$300,000 (£185,000) for a 30-second advertising spot during the episode, dou-ble the usual price.

Ms DeGeneres, who recently "came out" herself -prompting the Rev Jerry Falwell, the televangelist, to lambast her as "Ellen DeGenerate" — was applauded wildly in homosexual gatheringplaces across the country. However, as the coming out episode secured its niche in American homosexual mythology, the real-life girlfriend of Ms DeGeneres admitted that the comedienne is her first female lover, thus prompting inconvenient auestions about her true sexuality.

Anne Heche, who plays the female lead in Volcano, currently number one at the Oprah Winfrey's show on Wednesday: "I was not gay

Democrats bow to budget cuts

Washington: The White House and the Republicancontrolled Congress last night appeared within a whisker of
reaching agreement on near year's budget, breaking months
of deadlock (Bronwen Maddox writes):
The budget accord, designed to wipe out the annual
government deficit by 2002, came a day after economic,
figures revealed unexpectedly strong growth in the first
quarter of 1997, raising hopes that the deficit would shrink
faster than planned. The turning point came when
Republicans and conservative Democrats agreed on a
rackage of \$135 billion (683 billion) tax cuts over five years. package of \$135 billion (683 billion) tax cuts over five years. Spending on Medicare bealth insurance would also be reduced by \$115 billion over the same period. Liberal Democrats have steadily resisted these cuts.

Israel to train with Turkey

Jerusalem: Israel is planning joint marine and land defence manoeuvres with its new military ally, Turkey, which will also involve America (Christopher Walker writes). The announcement came during a three-day visit to Israel by Turhan Tayan, the Turkish Defence Minister. The Jerusal lem Post disclosed that Washington had "agreed in principle" to the three-nation exercises. Although Israeli and Turkish ministers claimed that their alliance was not aimed against any third party, senior Western military experts said it was a serious challenge to Iran, Iraq and Syria.

'Germans for sale' apology

Bucharest: Romania apologised for deporting tens of thousands of ethnic Germans to labour camps during Communist rule or "selling" them by demanding cash from the Bonn Government for emigration permits. "We express our deep regret and apologise for what happened." read the text of a declaration made public by Adrian Severin, the Foreign Minister. It was the first public acknowledgement that, under the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, Romania granted ethnic Germans exit permits in exchange for cash. (Reuter)

New Iraq monitor for UN

New York: Richard Butler., Australia's United Nations Ambassador, has been appointed executive chairman of the UN commission in charge of Iraqi disarmament, replacing Rolf Ekeus of Sweden, who has led the UN special commission, known as Unscom, since its inception in 1991. Mr Butler, 54, takes over on July 1 and Mr Ekeus will become Sweden's US Ambassador. The UN yesterday retained its sanctions on Baghdad. (Reuter)

Wiesel on Holocaust board



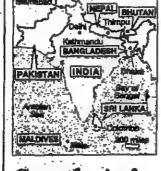
formally appointed three non-Swiss Jews, including Nobel prizewinner Elie Wiesel, left, to a board overseeing a Swiss fund for Holocaust victims. Named alongside Mr Wiesel were Josef Burg, a former Isreali minister, and Avraham Hirschson, of the Israeli Knesset's restitution committee. Mr Wiesel survived a concentration camp and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. (Reuter)

Appeal for doomed horses

Wellington: The New Zealand Government is seeking good homes for L200 wild horses that are threatened with execution. Nick Smith, the Conservation Minister, said he wanted to reduce the last herd of wild horses from 1,700 to 500. The animals are descendants of escaped British army cavairy horses left behind after the colonial land wars of the 1860s and Exmoor ponies and Welsh stallions deliberately released in 1877. (AFP)

Pillion ban in Pakistan

Islamabad: Pakistani authorities banned pillion tiding on motorcycles as ride-by shootings left 11 Sunni and Shia Muslims dead in three days of sectarian violence, officials said. At iums dead in three days of sectarian violence, oriciais said. At least 11 people have been killed since Monday, some in Lahore, capital of Punjab province, and the adjoining districts of Chinior and Burewala. Police blamed the attacks on militants from extremist Shia and Sunni groups, (AFP)



South Asia 'poorer than black Africa'

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

SOUTH ASIA has become the poorest, most illiterate and malnourished region on Earth, falling for the first time behind sub-Saharan Africa in almost every measure of human development.

A damning report on eco-nomic, political and social developments points to vast and widening disparities of wealth throughout most of the region. It is the only area of the world where arms expenditure is rising. India has the world's fourth largest army. Pakistan the eighth.

The report, backed by the United Nations Development Programme, has been produced by the Human Development Centre in Pakistan. It is one of the most comprehensive and authoritative studies of its kind, and casts doubt on claims by India that it is poised to become an Asian

"tiger".
Mahbub ul-Haq, president of the Human Development Centre and principal author of the report, said yesterday that there could be revolution in India within a decade if the rich-poor divide were not narrowed. Most of the benefits from economic reforms had gone to the rich.

"The quality of social services, education, transport, drinking water and health is deteriorating," he said in Delhi. South Asia must reposition itself or it will be marginalised by global forces. If it misses out, there will be tremendous dangers of revolution in this society. India is closer to revolution than

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people realise." One fifth of humanity lives in South Asia, which contains 40 per cent of the world's poor. Annual defence spending is £8.58 billion. India, which ranks 142 in the world in terms of per capita income, has the world's biggest arms import bill, Pakistan, ranking 119 in income levels, has the tenth biggest.
The report points to the

"myth" that sub-Saharan Africa lags behind all other regions in human development. That was true three decades ago, but South Asia's average per capita income is now \$309 (£193) compared with \$555 for sub-Saharan Africa, literacy rates are lower in South Asia. and two thirds of children are under weight compared to one



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'The politicians of today are not jolly enough or witty enough'

Anthony Sampson, author of Anatomy of Britain, has become disenchanted with the British political scene

ve years ago, Anthoon election night, at Black. The chamflowed, Margaret Thatcher dropped in at midnight, and the mood dramatically changed as the news carried like wildfire through the throng: the Tories were not going to lose after all.

I had thought what fun it would be," Sampson says, "to see all their faces falling, He expected to have a new cast of characters, a new dawn with which to open his next Anatomy of Britain. But Lord

Once more the Labour Party proved unelectable; Sampson's 1992 book was subtitled Democracy in Crisis.

There will not be another Anatomy in which to analyse the 1997 outcome. Sampson has been too busy writing a very different kind of book, a small masterpiece, of which more later. He is also in the middle of a magnum opus on Nelson Mandela, so he tends to compare our party leaders h a man (quotes chunks of Shakespeare in his speeches. "Have you ever heard Tony Blair quoting

Sampson's Anatomies of Britain, five of them since Pendennis column in The Observer: "I was lately back from South Africa (where he edited Drum), so I got into the habit of writing about groups of people — bishops, bankers, etc - with a rather wide eyed view." Then he asked himself, what does it all add up to? and began to dissect the British governing classes, an acute, clear-sighted observation of men in power that revealed, (Chairman of the BBC, Editor of The Times, etc) were Etonians and the other half

But the Anatomy of Britain 1997 would be much less fun to (Home Secretary, Director-

General of the BBC, etc) were 'It was that baroque period

of larger-than-life characters. Tycoons had hardly ever been interviewed before, so I could ask them very simple questions — as I couldn't now such as what exactly do you do all day? The chairman of Shell was delighted; he'd never been asked before."

write. He is struck by the ruthless efficiency of the Labthing "so professionalised, so internalised. It would be like writing a book about the

"Blair's obsession with conformity silences anyone who might commit a reckless indiscretion. Everything is so controlled. That makes it much less amusing. And it makes the cast of characters too small. It's like being at a boring play, where you long for new characters suddenly to

burst in. I point out that the old giants were not so exposed to the intrusion and diminishing glare of the television camera. "I don't think that's an

difference, certainly: it is desperately looking for eccentrics who are bigger than itself, like that astronomer person. Mandela belongs to the pretelevision age; he had never even seen television. So after all those reflective years in prison, he came out with total confidence and coherence of thought, and strengthened

We sat on the eve of the election in his conservatory in Ladbroke Grove, interrupted only by the overhead clatter of squirrels scampering across the roof into the wisteria. Sampson's looks (patrician profile) and voice (urbane. drawling elisions) suggest an archetypal Establishment fig-ure, Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford, which makes his strange, offbeat new book all the more surprising.

It is The Scholar Gypsy: The Quest for a Family Secret, published in ten days' time by John Murray. It is a jewel of a book, beautifully written. opening up an enthralling

During his sixties, Sampson found himself more conscious of his mortality, especially after having a heart bypass (in New York, a very good place to The moment had come to look again inside the black tin boxes in his cellar, containing the letters of Dr John Samp-

ohn Sampson, known as the Rai, was a majestic, commanding figure in a slouch hat, a poet and a rebel, entirely self-educated. While apprenticed as a printer, he became a appointed the first librarian at Liverpool University in 1892. But his obsession was with the Gypsies: he amassed a mine of arcane knowledge about the Gypsy languages of Romany and Shelta. He became an habitue of the Liverpool wasteland where Gypsy caravans congregated, taking along his great friend, the priapic Augustus John. Both were soon surrounded by adoring women, to whom Sampson wrote erotic verses. He toiled for 30 years on a dictionary of the Gypsy dialect, earning both an honorary Oxford degree and the respect and love of Gypsies everywhere. When he died, they gave him a terrific Gypsy funeral, scattering his ashes on a remote Welsh mountainside to the strains of fiddles and harps. What Anthony Sampson also discovered was the real identity of his mysterious Aunt

Mary, a schoolmistress of

classics from Edinburgh who

taught him chess, who turned out to be his grandfather's love



Anthony Sampson with a photograph of his grandfather, known as "the Rai", the subject of his latest book The Scholar Gypsy: The Quest for a Family Secret

child by one of his devoted

Once, in Anthony's childhood, the Rai came to the Sampsons' home in Hampstead, but otherwise he was excluded by his son Michael, Anthony's father, who despite his behemian upbringing in the Weish hills became a reticent, emotionally repressed scientist. Anthony grew up feeling there was "something unresolved" in his

background.
"When I was writing the Anatomies, I noticed that successful civil servants seemed to be round pegs in round holes, like perfectly oiled pistons. That was something I'd never

I still cannot quite picture him among the Gypsies, but he has come to know several Gypsy families who gaze at him fondly and say: "So you're the Rai's grandson."

His own romantic escape in youth was into the black South African world, making lifelong friendships among politicians, writers and layabouts.

In the Rai's day, there wasn't much choice of alternative societies for those who wanted to escape from the boring English into a roman-: tic world: the Gypsies were the obvious retreat. Now one's children can backpack to Guatemala, it's almost bourgeois. But Gypsies remain the most difficult of all underdogs to organise or bring into any social structure."

Last October in South Africa. Sampson went eagerly to hear Tony Blair address the The Labour Party has an impressive history in South Africa, very emotionally involved — so I expected something moving, but soon realised he had been preprogrammed by his advisers. His lack of ad hominem references betrayed a lack of both political sense and instinctive sensitivity. Now he has totally embraced Conservative principles, so we are still waiting for the new idea.

ut perhaps one alut perhaps one al-ways says this about untested leaders. I remember feeling surprised by the way Wilson quickly developed a theatrical agility. Of course he was surrounded by formi-dable intellectuals. Firsts in PPE from Oxford, you'd be quite scared to start an argument with them. Labour were the clever party; the Tories were rather proud to be not. That's changed now. Redwood is a classic too-clever-by-half, isolated and theoretical. But none of them are jolly enough. or witty enough. I'd love to see-Blair together with his father-

in-law. That might be

Having ignored his 70th birthday last year ("I find 70th birthday parties incredibly depressing). Sampson did enjoy Ted Heath's 80th. He is Heath's neighbour in the country. "I'm quite fond of the old boy. You know exactly where you are with him: it's like coming up against a great rock. I find that reassuring, when everyone else is being tossed about, worrying about

what they are allowed to say." might take over anatomising Britain: Jeremy Paxman springs to mind. He thinks the lottery, linking populism and patronage, may be the most creative area of change ahead. "if that group of interesting Labour groupies Richard Rog-ers, David Puttnam and Melvyn Bragg do prove to have influence.

The real change is the growth of anti-European feeling. That's where I feel most bereft, and uncomprehending of the violence of people's feelings. I remarked in 1992 how much of British business. banking and the law was already tied up with Europe and it's gone much further since: people don't quite face up to that. It deesn't make sense to see Britain in an insular way.

"When I started with Harold Macmillan, one could discuss where the power lay and where decisions were taken that affected British life. It's very much harder now, That's partly why I thought it would be impossible to write another big Anatomy: because all the roads led off the map."





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'I felt what I was doing was right'

Seventy in July, Lord Mackay of Clashfern is to retire after an eventful ten years as Lord Chancellor. Frances Gibb reports

ord Mackay of Clash-fern visibly bristled. His job, someone said in a recent press article, was "not particularly oner-- an intelligent monkey could do it". The remark stung where others have ricocheted. Today, packing his bags after ten years as the linchpin of both Thatcher and Major Governments, he freely admits it has not been an easy task to hold the delicate ring between ministers, judges and how you do it, of course, but in my view it is quite an onerous appointment.

Charming, mild-mannered and courteous, James Mackay is universally liked as a person. But his tenure as Lord Chancellor has prompted some of the most bitter hostility - and the worst personal - directed at a Lord Chancellor this century.

He is sanguine about it, One has to remember that if you are trying to do a public job, you can't please every-body — the idea that you can is not a recipe for action because

'He asked the hard questions about the legal system: he did not see his role as just to protect lawyers' incomes'

there are so many different points of view." Conciliatory rather than combative, his style was to listen and meet objections where he could.

But confrontation there was. A railwayman's son and an outsider to the English legal establishment, he was ready to take on their restrictive practrain an overhaul of the £1.6 billion legal aid scheme; and was the architect of the divorce reforms which ended "fault-

A few senior judges, mostly him for the reforms which led to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. Judges would cut him and his wife, Elizabeth, at parties. He was likened to Hitler; and Lord Donaldson, then Master of the Rolls, told him to get his tanks off their lawn.

That act, which broke the Bar's monopoly of the higher courts and brought in "no win, no fee" litigation, was diluted after a lobbying campaign by judges and the Bar. But it nonetheless acted as a catalyst, forcing the profession to justify

ail their cosy practices.

Tony Holland, former president of the Law Society, says: "He was radical, openminded. He was not bamboozled by the lawyers or judges - he stood up to them." Unlike some previous Lord Chancellors. Lord Mackay was not prepared, unthinkingly. to be the legal profession's shop steward. Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke College. Oxford, says: "He asked the hard questions about the legal system, the yers - he did not see his role as just to protect their incomes." Lord Mackay, 70 in July,

has survived it all remarkably well. His officials, who can speak no wrong of him, testify to his kindness and consideration. The support of his wife - he lunches with her each day - has also been crucial. He has been lucky, as he puts it, to have had good health and to be "coming out alive".

The row with the judges did

hurt, officials believe, though not as much as his private clash with his church, the Free Presbyterian Church, or the "Wee, Wee Roman Catholic judge. But such crises scarcely ever showed. "He is extraordinarily self-disciplined, and does not often show his feelings," a colleague says. "He has an overriding sense of duty - and if he sees it as his it through." He also had the advantage, says Dr Stevens, "of enormous energy — and is human being. He suffered more abuse than any other Lord

brought in by Margaret Thatcher to shake up the profession, that - as a good insists the ideas were his own within the context of Govern-ment policy which he fully backed. The profession itself, he recalls, was deadlocked over sorting out its restrictive practices; Government policy required his intervention to resolve it. "Some people," Dr Stevens says, "say the reforms were driven by the DTI — but Lord Mackay believed in a need to open up these issues. They were his decisions."

dignity and without rancour."

Critics say that he was

There were bumpy rides on other fronts. The Government's divorce reforms became law last year, but only after a sustained wing Tory MPs in concert with commentators. Lord Mackay, devout Christian, family man and author of the landmark Children Act 1989, stood accused of betraying.family values and of being a "closet

He did not, despite speculation, threaten to resign if the reforms were dropped. But he did want very much to see outcome of long consultation. He admits it was his hardest time. "If I have a policy responsibility for an area of the law, as I had for divorce, I'm determined to do my best to get it as right as I can if I can get the chance. The fact that it is difficult does not mean it should be shirked.

~I felt that what I was doing was right. I'm very conservative in instincts, and I am all for conserving marriages. But I wasn't sure that the present

part of the law -and needed reform. "I took quite a long time coming to a conclusion about what was wise, and right. I considered it carefully. I believe it was a wise move." Some say also a courageous one. Others, though, questioned his political acumen. He has never blown his own trumpet. Some blamed him for the rumpus which blew up, but ultimately. the reforms were carried: another minister might have failed. "He was very highly regarded in the Cabinet," one source says. "He spoke rarely. but when he did so, he was listened to." He was given more than one tricky Government bill to take through: the Intelligence Services Bill and the Human Fertilisation and

Embryology Bill, for instance. But if Lord Mackay was not a politician's politician, nor



Cambridge scholar. James Mackay (centre back)





Lord Mackay and his wife. Elizabeth: her support during his tenure - which has prompted some of the most bitter hostility directed at a Lord Chancellor - has been crucial

ivorce is in principle anathema to him, but it was

enemies he did have - as the

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Others close to his negotia-

tions with the Treasury over his budget, legal aid and on judges' pay, say quite the opposite. A brilliant mathematician, he secured far more than most other spending ministers. "It's absolute rubbish to say he did not fight his corner," one says. "He did not shout about it. But that was his political skill. He played his cards as well as he conceivably could, to ensure the departadmits as much: to boast would have been the best way to ensure a worse deal in the next spending round. "The idea that I am a Treasury minion is one of the things I find really remarkable."

His skill as a spending minister does not square with his alleged abandonment of his role as protector of the judges' interests. He may have done his job differently; but that reflects the era. Walter Merricks, former Law Society head of policy, says: "The idea that the Lord Chancellor

take the side of the interests of the providers - as opposed to the consumers — would be doomed to derision." Dr Stevens similarly says Lord Mackay has "done a remark-able job not just as a minister of justice but also as head of judiciary - not necessarily in protecting their privileges, but in creating a body which has

never been so strong". It is in this, the appointment of judges, that Lord Mackay's legacy will probably be most lasting. He appointed all but one of the current law lords, all but one of 35 Court of Appeal

embracing known' left-wing judges such as Sir Stephen Sedley), have drawn praise across the political spectrum - the complexion of the law lords has never been so liberal. Last year, Lord Mackay

personally recommended Lord Bingham of Cornhill for the top job of Lord Chief Justice (and Lord Woolf as Master of the Rolls) to the fury of many Court of Appea judges who had wanted Lord Justice Rose, Some accuse him of misleading the Prime Min-ister as to their wishes. But the ultimate choice is his; and the ry's role now and in future.

The debate still rages about whether one person can be both Government minister and head of the judiciary. Some say Lord Mackay may be one of the last to do so. He is fiercely against splitting the functions. The first full-time judge to be Lord Chancellor since Lord Simonds (1951-54). he says: "The idea that I don't want to support the judiciary is nonsense — the question is how they are best supported. The fact that the judiciary

have the voice of a judge as the the judges. If it was changed, the judiciary would suffer."

Inevitably tasks are unfinished - particularly as Lord Mackay's style in law reform is to "play it long". There is legal aid and reforms to civil justice. For the future, he hopes occasionally to sit as a law lord. There will also be walking in the hills close to his home in the Black Isle. "I will miss the job in a way, but there's a time for everyone, a time for everything. My sixties were occupied with this - my seventies will be occupied with something else. I hope."

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ow the hurly-burly's done, now the election's lost and won, so we can get on with life. So the television news can now shrink back to its natural length. Eccentrics other than party wonks can come jibbering out of their boxes to infest the phone-in programmes. "Dear Procrustes, I keep trying to get through to Hades to check up on the underworld election results at this moment in time. But the phones here on Chios are so awful that I can never get through. What shall I do? Homer." "Simple. Go to another chios and have another troy. Put two coins into demeter (in case one styx) and wait for a ceres of pips. Then ask for the persephone. You should get through dis way.

The state-of-the-art graphics and gizmos of election-night broadcasts costing many millions will filter down into other programmes and become part of our familiar television background. And the Prime Minister and candidates around the country can make a different sort of speech from the dogfight rhetoric of the campaign. Magnanimity in victory and generosity in defeat form a minor branch of oratory that we British think that we invented. However, sometimes the genre comes out wrong, as when triumphant Margaret Thatcher declaimed the Prayer of St Francis outside Downing Street. Some of her bitter opponents found heroic Boadicea as implausible as Churchill found Montgomery: in defeat, unbeatable, in victory, unbearable.

Britons have had plenty of practice down the centuries at walfile about the strife is o'er, the battle done, for the whole nation rather than partisans. But the master of Irenic rhetoric was Abraham Lincoln. In his first inaugural he said: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies." His second was "with malice towards none". But his Gettysburg address was mocked at the time by newspapers, including, alas, *The Times*, as not grand enough for such an awesome occasion. Edward Everett was the star speaker at the dedication of the cemetery for the soldiers who died at Gettysburg. He spoke for more than two hours in richly ornamental periods of antique eloquence.

Lincoln spoke his 270 words in three minutes. It is a myth that he scribbled his notes on the back of an envelope. The speech was drafted and redrafted in order to win the battle for minds as well as the military civil war. Lincoln ad-libbed the words "under God" while he was speaking. And we now recognise it as the noblest speech of modern times. The speech is quoted and the most recorded, most recently by Margaret Thatcher and General Norman Schwartzkopf. While he was working on his inaugural in 1960, John Kennedy asked his speechwriter. Theodore Sorensen, for the key to the magic of the Gettysburg address. Sorensen's answer was that it used short words. Lincoln made obsolete the flowery style of antique oratory, and used a new lean language to dignify the first modern war.

An older master of the art of One Nation oratory to bind up the wounds after battle was Horace. He was a poet not a politician. and he had made the mistake of fighting on the wrong side in the most violent sort of election possible, a conflict as terrible as the American Civil War. But the winners were clever enough to see that poets are better at the rhetoric of peace than advertising peers or spin-doctors. So they signed up Horace to write the propaganda for the new regime. And of course he wrote poetry, not propagan-da. But tucked away in his Roman Odes you can find powerful lines for the pleasures of peace, praise for the new masters of the universe, and hatred of the demon eyes of giants and other warmongers. He overshot his deadline by longer than modern advertising hacks - 14 years from commission to delivery - but he was worth the wait. His lines are still memorable and moving 20 centuries later. We cannot hope for anything of their quality or shelf-life today, nor anything as powerful as Lincoln's granite. But let us hope today for a few words of generosity and magnanimity instead of the partisan snarls and vacuous soundbites that fall to pieces as you work out what they mean. For today is the once-in-five-years-day for that rare style of sympathetic rhetoric that is seldom done well, but can last far longer than the buzz of strife.



Redwood's wilderness

prominent supporter of John Major's put it vividly: "Let them walk among the ruins of what they have destroyed. The object of his fury was not the official enemy — the incoming Labour govern-ment — but his own side. He blamed the wreckers and obsessives from the Europe-hating Tory Right for the dis-array which has so undermined Mr Major's Government in the years lead-

ing to yesterday's debdcle.

Not only do I understand his bitterness; I share it. He overstates, of course. The Tory Likud are not single-handedly the architects of Mr Major's downfall. "Time for a change" was a deadly argument, and the more insidious for being unfocused. Peter Riddeli has been spot-on in insisting that after 18 years the voters' presumption was always against giving the Tories another five. Mr Major needed to shine to rebut that presump-tion. Black Wednesday badly tarnished the shine. And his friends have been less than admit - his Chancellor's insouciance on Europe embarrassing - while the Prime Minister himself, by his hesitations, sometimes let infection

But let us be clear about the sources of the infection. From the start John Major has faced a party within a party: a splinter big enough to act like a plank. This minority of Tory MPs has not wished him well. They protest otherwise, but I have observed them throughout and they are lying. They always wanted him to fail, and today they weep crocodile tears for his demise. Now the Likud is poised to seize the advantage for which some of them have have been plotting, and which others have anticinated with grim satisfaction.

It is in the pathology of splinter groups to fight among themselves, and the Tory Right will have difficulty deciding on its manifesto and its slate. Some of its potential leaders may have lost their seats by the time you read this, as may (from another part of the party) fan Lang. Chris Patten has no seat. Others are in the Lords. The battle for the succession may therefore be fought almost by proxy — a civil war in which some of the generals are over the water. Nevertheless, generals or no, the

battle commences today. If the grownups in the Conservative Party are to organise, as they must, against the Likud, there is no time to be lost. Let us define terms. I prefer "grown-

ups" and "Likud" to the nomenciature of

Grown-up Conservatives must not let the

party be hijacked by the lunatic Right

Left, Centre and Right, because that nomenclature is almost obsolete. Men like Chris Patten have become Thatcherites in economics, but have not bought the Little Englander ticket. The Europhobes include nationalists, tradeprotectionists and grandee-paternalists who simply cannot be placed on the economic Right. What seems to me to characterise (if not unite) the Tory Likud is populism. Indeed (as Bruce Anderson of The Spectator has observed) they have all the attributes of populism except popularity.

Thus they tend to be reactionaries in domestic politics, fundamentalists on ment and under a leader whom he moral issues, isolation-

ists in European politics and hawks on defence. They will be among the first English nationalists if a Scottish parliament sours the Union. Hangers and floggers are numerous in their

ranks. They tend to be against things, rather than for them. It is hard to describe the bouquet that characterises this wine, but it has an acrid and slightly nutty quality.

around a single issue than the Likud. There are Eurosceptics among them, but they are not obessive on the subject. This loose grouping of men and women is not disposed to view public affairs through the prism of any one preoccupation, so lending an instinctive moderation to their judgment on individual issues.

There are anti-abortionists among them, but the question does not preoccupy them. There are moral conservatives, but they would regard ranting denunciations of sexual licence with suspicion. Some have old-fashioned views on crime and punishment, but these are promulgated without relish. Some are keener than others on market deregulation, but the argument is conducted in prosaic terms: they do not evangelise. In defence and foreign affairs the grown-ups have an abiding regard for the constraints as well as the opportunities a mediumsized trading nation faces.

Let us make no bones about it: the Likud is on the offensive in the party I used to serve, the grown-ups, who were once in charge, are politically embar-rassed. How shall the grown-ups rally?

Fortunately, there is an easy litmus test, in the shape of John Redwood. His exclusion from power is a prerequisite for the return of an electable Conservative government. There are worse ways of establishing whether a chap is sound than asking where his sympathies lie in the matter of Mr Redwood.

We may summarise Mr Redwood's role by reminding ourselves that he accepted office in a Government with which he was in fundamental disagree-

plainly despises. He became associated with a faction hostile to his leader's direction. When this hostility forced the leader to seek the endorsement of the whole party, he stood against him. He became sur-

rounded by some of the most disreputable elements in the party, who worked for his victory. When he failed to achieve it, he continued - by code, by faint praise and by silence — to undermine the man he had failed to unseat. During this election his lackeys have liaised with a millionaire who offered money to Tory candidates to make statements counter to the policy of their party.

The notion that this man could lead the Conservative Party is laughable. No serious politician will pursue it. That the British press should talk of him as a potential leader (or even kingmaker) only illustrates what too many lunches can do. If John Redwood becomes the Tory leader, he will break a record few seem to have lighted upon: no leader of the Conservative Party in this century except Austen Chamberlain has ever failed to become Prime Minister, whereas most leaders of the Labour Party have failed in the attempt. Mr Redwood would alter the first part of that equation, and grownups know it. They will insist he is not allowed to try.

What, however, must be further insisted upon is that no one who has failed explicitly to exclude Mr Redwood and his acolytes from his or her team should be considered a potential leader of the party. This must be a touchstone of adulthood within the party.

And there is a second point that the grown-ups must make clear. They must be emphatic that they do not promote to leave the party. They make

pose to leave the party. They make their stand upon a different proposition: that there are versions of the principal Opposition that do not qualify for the description "Conservative" and with which they will neither treat nor work. Any would-be leader will have to base his leadership upon a coalition of different groupings, but if he wishes to include the grown-ups in his coalition, a Likud that includes Mr Redwood would have to be outside it.

The grown-ups' own manifesto- is surely clear in general terms. Although it will have a big majority, the Labour Party has crawled on its stomach into government. The supine intellectual posture that that party has had to adopt to gain access to power is, as Simon Jenkins has argued, John Major's achievement as well as Margaret Thatcher's. None of the so-called Tory Right could have won the 1992 election and despatched old Labour.

Now, philosophically crippled and on its belly, new Labour occupies the middle ground of British politics. The Conservative Party would be crazy to leave it in occupation there. It must be challenged on this central ground - not sniped at from extremist and marginal positions. If it triumphs this year, the Tory Likud will slink off to settle the wilderness: to challenge the Referendum Party, the UK Independence Party, the Far Right and the Far Left — I ask youl - for occupancy of the fringe.

This is madness. But it is a madness that seems to have gained temporary sway. Some sort of a fever seems to be gripping the party I used to respect. If John Major will not stay until the fever has passed, then others must organise themselves to resist it — and quickly. A similar fever became so endemic within the Labour Party that, it has taken 18 years to shake off.

Freshly elected Conservative MPs will be waking up today after too little sleep. Fever strikes when fangue has robbed a body of its defences, and that is true of a body politic, too. The Tory party and its MPs need the political equivalent of a good night's sleep before it even begins to think about the next five years.

How the campaign was lost

Major has only himself to blame, says Tim Hames

o now the recriminations in Tory ranks can start in earnest. Sup-porters of the Prime Minister have sought to blame the Conservative Party in general and Brian Mawhinney in particular for the defeat. In truth, the party chairman had a respectable election in the circumstances. He ran the Conservative effort on the lines set out by his leader, often ditching long-developed plans when Downing Street developed plans when Downing Street became uncomfortable. He prevented a

meltdown of morale at Smith Square. The Tories lost this election years ago, and the responsibility rests with John Major. Their slim chances in the campaign were destroyed by sleaze. Europe, and the marginalisation of their economic accomplishments. In every case, John Major contributed mightily.

The sleaze row lasted far longer than

necessary. This was because Mr Major's agents chose to tell journalists that Piers Merchant and Neil Hamilton would "fall on their swords". This bizarrely implied that accusations of adultery and allegations of corruption are morally equivalent. Then local associations revolted, retaining their candidates, to the Prime Minister's embarrassment.

On Europe, the story was much the same. Once ministers began abandoning the "wait and see" formula, the Prime Minister had little choice but to respond, which he did with some vigour. That should have been the end of it. Instead, Mr Major's flirtation with a free your on the surp restoked the free vote on the euro restoked the controversy. The infamous Kohl-Blair advertisement kept the Tories in terrain

they should have abandoned.

Even then, the Prime Minister could not draw a line under the matter. At his insistence, the notion of "Who goes to Amsterdam?" was placed before the electorate. The voters must have thought he was discussing his holiday plans. The consequence was that the economy - by far the best card in the Conservative pack - lost its salience. Two excellent sets of unemployment figures went adrift; impressive statistics on consumer demand and inflation slipped into oblivion. The strong economy had been the proposed centrepiece of the case for re-election. Instead, it will be Tony Bisir's inheritance.

The tragedy is that these events were predictable and predicted. The sleaze factor had its roots in a series of scandalis nearly three years ago. Mr Major at first refused to recognise the problem. He was driven into commissioning the Nolan committee. When that report emerged, he tried to dilute it, but was comprehensively defeated. The Neil Hamilton file has been with Sir Gordon Downey ever since. It defies belief that the Prime Minister thought he could dis-solve Parliament with Downey's report still outstanding. Tory strategists discovered to their horror that the Government

had made no contingency plans. The single currency saga stuck to a similar script. For well over a year, Central Office warned the Prime Minister that his "wait and see" policy would fall apart in the heat of electoral battle. Despite that, the short-term desire to appease Kenneth Clarke - and, let it not be forgotten, Michael Heseltine - was deemed more important. Party managers believed that if Mr Major would not reject monetary union outright, he should avoid Europe entirely. The country would only be reminded of internal disagreements. Instead, Mr Major took the extraordinary line that . the single correscy was the "most important issue that any government has been asked to make for generations" - but would not tell the public his personal position.

The errors of the Tory campaign have duplicated the basic failings of this administration. No clear philosophy or coherent strategy has been apparent. The hallmark of this "managerial" outlook on politics has been inconsistency. Mr Major never fully articulated the positive prospectus for his party, nor did he conduct a ruthless assault on Mr Blair. His stubborn vindictiveness has seen effective performers - Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo - often excluded in favour of the Prime Minister's chosen advocates. An aggressive approach, stressing rising living stan-dards and the dangers of new Labour, was left stillborn. This election could only be won by an appeal to prosperity and sheer fear of the alternative. Mr Major chose to fight it, as he has always wanted, on his record and personality.

Such criticism will seem too harsh to the Prime Minister's admirers. It will be dismissed as the tirade of dogmatists who insist that fundamental questions demand categorical answers. His qualities of decency and good intentions will doubtless be highlighted. But decency is not a manifesto, and good intentions are

no blueprint for government.

John Major has been a disciple of the late Rab Butler, who used to observe (echoing Bismarck) that politics is the art of the possible. But pragmatism has drawbacks. If Butler's advice had been accepted in 1940, Britain would have ceded Europe to Nazi Germany. The same received wisdom obliged Tories to stomach socialism for three decades. Since then, a generation has been in-spired by Margaret Thancher. They believe that politics is the art of the paradigm — a process of moving ideas, not merely accepting them. To them, the purpose of power is the promotion of principle above compromise. Leadership lies in advancing a programme, not just occupying office. It is that spirit that P-H-S a shell-shocked Conservative Party should now seek to recapture.

Out serfing

IN LONDON'S Belgravia, Labour indulged in a shameless lastminute attempt to woo well-heeled tenants of the Duke of Westminster. In the final days of the campaign, it dispatched letters to leaseholders promising an "end to feudalism", with promises of "new opportunities for leaseholders to buy their policies".

Envelopes bearing the proletarian message have dropped on doormats of the white stuccoed houses, where the leaseholders include Baroness Thatcher, Lord Tebbit, Enoch Powell and Joan Collins.

Two years ago, the Duke of Westminster was so angry at Conservative attempts to reform the leasehold system on his Grosvenor estate that he resigned publicly from his the Tory party.

This attempt by Westminster's Labour party to canvass votes by playing the feudal card is unlikely to endear him to Tony Blair. "It's quite preposterous," says one tenant. "Are they suggesting that behind the chintz and chandeliers we're all serfs?" Another was contemptuous: "What are they on about You'd need £1 million to buy a freehold. Gentlemen don't have that sort of money."

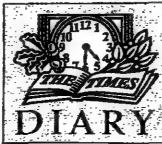
Yesterday the Grosvenor estate also dismissed the excercise. "It's a bit of propaganda from people who don't understand the issues.

■ No surer indication of the extent of any terrorist threat can be found than the headwear of the warders at the British Museum. They have just received a memo from the head of security: "Whilst the threat of terrorist activity



Belgravia belle

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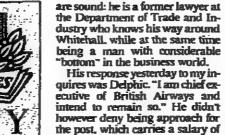
remains at its present level, warders will wear caps." It goes on to say that even though the cap-wearing rule was relaxed in 1991, management still reserves the right to enforce its emplioyees to don headgear.

Flight plan

AT LABOUR'S victory party last night on London's South Bank, talk turned to Tony Blair's policy unit at No 10 and, more particularly, to who will run it.

I understand that Blair is looking for a high-flier, and that Bob Ayling, the chief executive of British Airways, was approached to do the job. Had he taken the job. it would have been one more nail in the Tory coffin, for they always considered Ayling to be one of

Ayling's credentials for the post



Fleet Street has been camped

between £90,000 and £150,000 a

year — some drop from his rumoured 5500,000 salary at BA.

outside a squat in Hackney, east



"Are we celebrating or drowning our serrows?"

London, after my report last week that it is the home of Catherine Howarth, daughter of Labour's turnepat candidate Alan Howarth. In a futile attempt to shrug off the pack, the camera-shy 23-year-old has upped sticks and moved back to her mother Gillian's west London mansion.

Who's changed?

ELECTIONS come round only occasionally, but the more important matter of publishing Who's Who must continue. A & C Black, the publisher, has recently sent requests for information for next year's edition to its 30,000 subects. Included is a note requesting when possible, future events -eg, change of appointment, retire-ment, change of address. Given the wholesale change after last night. MPs have been left off the mailing list.

Flag days

SIR JAMES GOLDSMITH'S enduring legacy in Westminster lies in the victory he secured in a bitter dispute over an Italian flag. It once hung outside the air-conditioned restaurant L'Amico, a favourite of Neil Kinnock's. L'Amico happens



to be situated below the Referendum Party headquarters in Westminster; its proudest moment was when Mikhail Gorbachev lunched there on a state visit, ? In a moment of pre-election ten-

sion. Sir James's party decided that the flag gave the wrong im-pression and that it should go. "He complained to the council and they told us that if we did not remove it we would face a £10,000 fine," the manager says, angrily downing a grappa. Sir James is no longer welcome here."

Tim Ham



POWER CHANGES HANDS

How will Blair use it?

Rarely has the Conservative Party entered a general election in more miserable condition. Rarely has the Labour Party entered the contest looking more electable. Divided, demoralised and disloyal to their leader, the Tories lost the public's trust in 1992, Despite a competent campaign, they never regained it. Tony Blair, by contrast, has spent three years doing everything possible to restore faith in Labour. But some of the public goodwill towards him has been dissipated in

the past six weeks.

No one should disparage the scale of Mr Blair's achievement. Labour has won a general election for the first time in 23 years. It has done so on a moderate prospectus, embracing free-market capitalism and rejecting socialism. Its discipline has been strong, its organisation immaculate and its will to win unswerving. But in the process, the party has lost more than a little of its certainty and soul,

Before the campaign, Mr Blair was a bold leader of his troops. He took audacious gambles — such as the rewriting of Clause Four - and won them. He understood what was needed to transform Labour into a modern, progressive, governing party, and then persuaded his members, old and new, to back him. Millions of people who had rejected Labour in the 1980s felt comfortable enough to return.

But Mr Blair did not bring to his campaigning the energy and enthusiasm. with which he had revitalised his party. A Caution replaced daring; soundbites replaced substance. And in place of honesty came deception - on pensions, VAT and the National Health Service. If this is the new politics, it looks much like the old.

The Labour leader and his lieutenants chose the strategy that they thought would maximise their vote. Opposition parties that have a clear lead over governing parties tend to play safe and let their rivals make mistakes. Margaret Thatcher took the same approach in 1979 and was accused of a lack of detail and of making policy changes on the hoof. But the country at least had a clear idea of what to expect from her Government: trade-union reform, income tax cuts and control of inflation.

What does the electorate expect today? Labour's promises have been oxymoronic: change with continuity, radical centrism, better public services without higher taxes. From such a wishlist, anyone well-disposed to Labour in opposition could take heart. But governments cannot do two incompatible things at once, and the courses of action that Mr Blair takes are likely to disappoint or anger at least half of his supporters. Either taxes will remain low and the NHS will not receive the extra cash that its pressure groups demand; or Gordon Brown will be forced to raise taxes to match those heartfelt hopes. A party that managed to win the support of both The Sun and The Guardian

will soon begin to annoy one or the other. Mr Blair's big achievement has been to persuade the British people of what new Labour is not. His Government will not, he promises, give in to the trades unions; it will not raise income tax rates and it will not renationalise the privatised utilities. The voters have less idea, however, of what new Labour is. Is it liberal or illiberal? Is it centralist or decentralist? By what ideological compass will the new Prime Minister chart his course?

The principle that guides Mr Blair seems to be a kind of compassionate pragmatism. His message has matched a mood in the country. But now he has to deliver his ambitions of a more cohesive society, a sense of community and a remoralisation of the nation. In his dealings with his party, Mr Blair managed to achieve what he promised. We hope that a similar performance can be achieved on the stage of Britain.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Televised debates should not be avoided next time

As a ballot-fatigued public ventured to the Paddy Ashdown was excluded. The broadpolling booths yesterday, many will have felt that the campaign, for all its length, has been unsatisfactory. Central questions concerning the economy and Europe have not been fully addressed despite hours of television time and many columns of newspaper devoted to them. Party managers. have succeeded in retaining a strategic ambiguity on matters that they would rather deal with at another time and at a distinct distance from the electorate.

To some degree this is inevitable. Politicians dislike offering public positions that limit their options later. Elections are seen as uncomfortable events best held as infrequently as circumstances permit. There has probably never been a contest in Britain or any other democracy that has seen all the important issues openly and honestly outlined. In many respects, the 1997 enterprise has been no better and little worse than its recent predecessors. Even so, to borrow a phrase, we believe that Britain can do better.

One innovation alone had the potential to dramatise this election. If John Major and Tony Blair, the sole plausible contenders for Prime Ministers, had been persuaded to meet in a set of televised debates, that wouldhave been a worthy addition to the arsenal of democracy. At a minimum it would have been worth conducting the experiment. For that reason, once Mr Major indicated that he had dropped his initial reservations, The Times strongly supported the principle of debates. When the talks between broadcasters and parties broke down, we offered. to host the occasion ourselves in the hope that this might remove some of the legal and partisan obstacles.

Those efforts came to nothing. All sides blamed each other for the stalemate. The Liberal Democrats threatened court action if

casters took this charge rather more seriously than a strict reading of the law might imply. Labour, sitting so cautiously on a very large lead, was netvous of any legal action and rapidly lost enthusiasm for the concept. Mr Blair's brave pledge that he would debate "anytime, anywhere" became "but not in 1997". In the end, only the Conservatives were enthusiastic about participation.

This should not be repeated at the next election. Present legislation is ambiguous. The BBC's statutory Charter and the Broadcasting Act 1990 (which covers the independent sector) demand "due impartiality" in political coverage. This formula has always permitted some editorial judgment, however. It has never been regarded as a rigid, mathematically exact, requirement. Quite rightly, the emphasis has been on fairness over the duration of the entire campaign. It was far from apparant that debates without Mr Ashdown would have been remotely improper, provided that he was compensated with airtime elsewhere.

The public interest would be served by ending the uncertainty that was shamelessly exploited this year. Shortly after the new Parliament assembles there will be a ballot for Private Members bills. A short bill, stating that television companies could invite those party leaders deemed credible aspirants for Downing Street to conduct debates, would resolve the question. The broad impartiality obligation would remain intact. We would urge a civic-minded Member to embrace this issue. There should be no excuse at the next election for avoiding the cameras. It is impossible to guarantee that debates would in themselves produce more informative answers. But evasion and obfuscation would be more starkly exposed.

LUCK OF THE IRISH

Four triumphs are enough for one country

the people have decided it is time for a change. Acclaim from abroad for worldbeating numbers has been poor recompense for a public who have seen more of their money spent by the State than they legitimately expected. European factors have complicated the decision, and there are tinges of regret among patriots, but the popular mood has decided that those who won last time have to lose now. In this year's most important contest the incumbent has lost his core support. The plain people of ireland no longer want their man to win the Eurovision Song Contest.

The Nineties have been a golden age for the Emerald Isle. Europe's fastest growing economy has also experienced a cultural renaissance. Writers, from Doyle to Deane, pop groups such as U2 and the Cranberries, opera festivals and fashion designers, have all flourished. The most conspicuous Celtic conquest has, however, been the takeover of

the middlebrow territory of Eurovision. Ignoring for an instant, and many wish they could. Terry Wogan's appropriation of the airwaves every year the Eurovision Song Contest is now greener than Galway's fields after a fortnight of rain. For four out of the five past years the Irish have won. The Gaelic success has brought Ireland renewed respect and new tourists, but at a price. Every Eurovision victor must bear the cost

After an unprecedented run of four victories . of the next year's contest. Ireland has, thus, found itself in the novel position of subsidising the rest of Europe.

The millions Ireland must contribute to mount the contest inevitably arouses resentment. The unfortunate economic consequences of this flawed model of cooperation have created a rising tide of Eurovision-scepticism. The Irish, keen as they are to win, are keener to avoid the costs of yet another contest. As with other European ventures, there must be institutional reform if the principle of nations working together is not to be poisoned. It might be better simply to allow nations to hid for the honour.

If it is good enough for the Olympics, then why not for Eurovision? However, rather than adopting the tired model of bureaucratic decision-making, which sees Olympiads allocated like sweets in a kindergarten to those who shout loudest, the Eurovisioncrats should let money talk. Germany. which has only won once since the contest's inception, might care to mark the movement of its capital to Berlin with a boom-bang abang by hosting a future Eurovision. Given how much they have invested to take over other Irish properties, the Germans are likely to pay handsomely for this honour. At least in John Bull's other island, if the market is allowed to operate the incumbent need not secretly hanker after defeat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Unbalanced' aid provision in Zaire

From Mr Hugh Jones

Sir, Aid agencies and Zaireans are on opposing sides of a struggle. It is therefore not surprising that your report, "Aid workers catalogue Zaire rebel "barbarities" (April 30), con-

tains strong accusations.

Aid agencies help hungry refugees whom locals see as fugitives. However great the refugees' needs. Zaireans presumably object to lorries stuffed with goods rushing past and only heading for outsiders led by a bunch of criminals. This is a control of the cont of criminals. This is especially so since nobody has been much concerned about Zairean malnutrition in 30 years or more. Rebels do not need to give orders preventing Zaircans from offering help to these visitors. It is seen as common sense not to help.

In 1995, whilst distributing aid in camps only a few metres from the Rwandan border, aid workers and the UN prevented repatriation by giving considerable comfort and sanctuary to the exiles and their armed leaders. Consequently much of the local population blames interfering outsiders for the instability which helped kick-start Zaire's civil conflict.

If aid workers were to learn that one man's refugee from oppression is another man's fugitive from justice, they may yet obtain a balanced view of local affairs and win enough respect in the region to be credible.

Yours faithfully. H. JONES, 41 Rochester Avenue, Bromley, Kent. April 30.

After the Lima siege

From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir, In congratulating President Fujimori of Peru on the release of the hostages at the Japanese Embassy in Lima (leading article, April 24) you constantly refer to the Tupac Amaru as terrorists. Yet during the siege not one person died and the Tupac Amaru released most of the people with health problems. In the final stage of the attack on the embassy it is reported that a number of the hostage takers offered to surrender and were shot by the attackers in cold blood.

It is Fujimori's Government, elected on a doubtful franchise, which has inflicted on the mass of Peru's population misery and oppression of a kind similar to Chile's under Pinochet. The country's appelling poverty has given rise to revolution as the only way to prise open the greedy hands of the those exploiting its rich raw materials.

What your leading article calls "the new enemies of democracy" are the ordinary people wanting a less daunting and poverty-stricken life.

Yours faithfully, JACK SHAPIRO, 100 Brim Hill. N2. April 24.

British beef

From the Chairman of the Meat and Livestock Commission

Sir, It is a fact widely acknowledged that the quality of British beef is now higher than ever before and that our standards are higher than in most other European countries. It is therefore a matter of some satisfaction that there appear to be moves towards a lifting of the European ban on the export of British beef. We hope this will be implemented as soon as possible, but recognise it may take some

We now find ourselves in the absurd position that, while British beef of the highest standards cannot be exported to Europe, Britain is importing inferior beef. This cannot be right. What is needed is an evenhanded approach to consumer protec-

tion across the Community.
The rest of Europe should follow Britain's lead. Therefore, immediately after the election, we will be making strong representations to the Ministe of Agriculture, whoever it is, that the rest of Europe adopts the high stan-dards of beef production which Britain has put in place. European con-sumers, including British consumers. are entitled to expect nothing less.

Yours faithfully, D. T. Y. CURRY,

Meat and Livestock Commission. PO Box 44 Winterhill House, Snowdon Drive, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. April 25.

Right priorities

From Mrs Glynis Daniels

Sir. In conversation with a local resident earlier this week, I asked: "Well, who do you think will win on Thurs-

day?"
"Thursday?", he replied with a blank look. "Middlesbrough haven't got a game on Thursday."

Yours etc, GLYNIS DANIELS. Lea Close, High Lane, Maithy, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. May I.

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Letters in the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

Minarets among the Oxford spires

From Mr A. C. de Winton

Sir. There are no doubt those who feel about the proposed college for the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies in the same way that a Muslim would feel about the high profile construction of a Christian church in Mecca (report and leading article, "Dreaming minarets", April 28).

Not so much a "bridge" of understanding - more a bridgehead. Yours faithfully.

A. C. de WINTON, 26 Cavaye Place, SW10.

From Dr D. G. Browning, Registrar. Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Sir, The trustees of this Centre share fully your opinion that the Western and Islamic worlds have much to learn from each other and that Oxford provides a conducive setting for this much needed dialogue.

The Centre, which was established 12 years ago as an associated institu-tion of Oxford University, began life in a single room with few funds, relying entirely on the commitment and efforts of a small group, at Oxford and overseas, and on individual generos-

Today — thanks to funding support from, in particular, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf, Brunei, Malaysia and the Mal-dives, from Western sources such as the Leverhulme Trust and the British Council, and from donations by individuals in more than 20 countries the Centre is an established, independent meeting-point for academics from all over the world.

We have always intended to bring ogether our resident and visiting scholars into a purpose-built collegiate community. To regard our proposed building simply as a mosque would be as misleading as describing an Oxford college - with its library. chapel, dining-room and teaching rooms - simply as a church.

With a site made available by agreement with Merton and Magdalen colleges, and with the architectural inspiration of Professor Abdel Wahed al-

Wakil, we propose to create a building which, we believe, unites the best feat-ures of Oxford and Islamic design and is in harmony with the architectural heritage of this ancient city.

> Yours faithfully, DAVID BROWNING, Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. George Street, Oxford. April 29.

From Mr L. Khongwir

Sir, I read about the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies with interest, I now hope that King Fahd will be gracious enough to grant permission for the building of the first Christian church in Saudi Arabia.

Yours sincerely L. KHONGWIR, The Newark Hospital. Newark, Nottinghamshire.

From Mr Graham Chainey

Sir. Dreaming minarets at Oxford? College architecture combining Goth-ic and Moorish? A case can be made that Cambridge pioneered this nearly five centuries ago. The towers at each corner of King's College chapel were until recently the nearest things in this country to minarets.

They were built in 1513, at a time when the Anglo-Spanish alliance was strong, and their design may derive from the cathedral minarets of Moorish Spain (very likely the magnificent stone heraldry that decorates the building also derives from Spanish tradition). Each is equipped with a lofty platform from which, in the event of a wholesale local conversion, the muezzin might yet summon the

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM CHAINEY. 35 The Albemarle, Marine Parade, Brighton, Sussex. April 28.

passion fatigue". Respondents to a re-cent MORI poli indicated that for Lottery and charities

From the Chief Executive of the National Council for Voluntary **Organisations**

Sir, The inaccuracy in accounts of how much of Camelot's revenue from scratchcards goes to charity (letters, April 24) merely compounds widespread public confusion over the way lottery proceeds are allocated, and the ct the lottery is having. Kesearch by NCVO has indicated that the public believe that for every pound they spend on the lottery, 19p is going to charine.

Between 1993 and 1995 charities suffered a 6.6 per cent drop in donated income from the public, which has had a notable impact on smaller charities, or those which rely heavily on more traditional forms of fundraising, and are often less able to diversify their income excessos.

The drop in donated income to charities is clearly not a case of "comearmarked for charities. the arrival of the National Lottery, but many more have yet to do so. What is

needed is greater transparency and openness about the distribution systems of the lottery, together with a ment that the moneys made available once the Millennium Commission is disbanded are distributed in such a way as to address the funding difficulties facing the voluntary sector since the lottery's launch.

Yours faithfully, STUART ETHERINGTON. Chief Executive, National Council for Voluntary Organisations, gent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, NI. April 24.

Lottery and luck

From Mrs F. A. Read-Powell

Sir, Before Mr Blair has an opportunity to get his hands on any lottery money (reports, April 24) 1 hope he will seriously consider altering the formula of the game. For punters like me, who chose to stay with a fixed set of numbers and then become fearful of missing a week in case their numbers come up, it has all become far too addictive.

Since the first few months I have managed to desist from buying tickets thereby "gambling" every week that my "chosen" numbers won't come up. The organisers know only too well,

April 24.

No-smoking rebel

From the Managing Director of Connex South Central Sir, Whether Peter Boddington, who says he will continue to ignore Connex South Central's total no-smoking policy, goes to prison is not "up to

Connex", as he asserts (report, April 26, earlier editions). That possible eventuality rests first with Mr Boddington himself, if he chooses to ignore a policy supported by 86 per cent of our customers. smokers as well as non-smokers: and secondly with the High Court, which will take what action it believes necessary should Mr Boddington con-

tinue to smoke on our trains, follow-

ing the injunction to which your re-

port refers. Yours faithfully. GEOFF HARRISON-MEE. Managing Director. Connex South Central Ltd, Stephenson House, 2 Cherry Orchard Road. Croydon, Surrey. April 28.

Pink peril

From Ms Katharine Sinderson Sir, So Leander have bowed to the "monstrous regiment" (report, April

28). Next stop MCC. Yours faithfully. KATHARINE SINDERSON. 15 Clee Crescent, Grimsby, Lincolnshire. April 29.

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every lottery ticket or scratchcard sold, they would like to see 32p being Many charities have benefited from

April 25).

losing. In my opinion, as it is played at the moment, it is not a true lottery. If one could only buy pre-numbered lot-tery tickets, like those sold in many other countries, this element of superstition and consequent addiction would disappear.

I'm sure, that what draws the public

week after week is that sickly fear of

I believe that the drop in sales of scratchcards (letters, April 24), where this choice does not apply, proves my

Yours very sincerely, F. A. READ-POWELL 10 Westbrook Court, Grosvenor Street, Bolton, Lancashire.

Radio waves

From Dr J. Roberts

Sir, You report Lord Hope of Craighead as saying, with regard to Canary Wharf "Viewers have no right to watch TV, say law lords", April 25), that because television and radio signals were invisible, it would be impossible for developers to know of their existence before putting up a building. Oh really?

Surely most people understand that the space around us is permeated with signals of this type - how else could relevisions, radios, mobile phones, etc. work? Also any engineer knows that a metal-clad building may have a significant effect on radio waves.

But perhaps his Lordship is implying that we must be able to see something before we know of its existence. Or more generally, we can only have knowledge of things experienced through our senses. Well, what about our extended senses? If we can use these to detect radio galaxies and quasars billions of light years away. surely it is possible to know about the presence of radio waves in the vicinity of a projected building.

I would have continued to speculate on Lord Hope's opinions but, having never seen him, I am, of course, ignorant of his existence.

Yours faithfully, J. ROBERTS. Wall Farm, Elmsett, Ipswich, Suffolk, April 25.

Business letters, page 31

Problem pupils in primary schools

From the Executive Director of Community Service Volunteers

Sir, Indiscipline in primary schools ("Problem pupils must be tackled young, say heads", report, April 28) calls for early intervention to deal with disruptiveness before children transfer to secondary school. What children need is more individual

attention. Working in classrooms under the teacher's guidance, growing numbers of carefully matched volunteers are giving two to 30 hours a week as men-tors, role models and friends. In one term, by giving an individual pupil one hour a week, such volunteers can

raise reading levels by a year. Local communities are rich in adults ready to share their time and experience to raise confidence, selfesteem and knowledge. Children benefit substantially and teachers welcome the support. CSV is responsible for over 9,000 undergraduates, employees and local residents, including older people, who help in

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schools. President Clinton has successfully appealed for a million Americans to raise literacy in schools. The UK needs similar leadership.

Yours faithfully, ELISABETH HOODLESS. Executive Director,

237 Pentonville Road, NI. April 28.

From the Headteacher of Eversley County Primary School

Sir, How true it is that "problem pupils must be tackled young". Many primary teachers have high levels of success at modifying difficult behaviour and supporting children with emotional problems - but this takes

time and resources. This year in Essex each primary pupil receives, on average, about half the funding of secondary school pupils. In consequence primary schools are having to make classes larger. Realistically sized classes would help us to meet the expressed aim of secondary head teachers of tackling disruptive pupils at an age when their

behaviour can be moderated. I hope the General Secretary of the Secondary Heads Association will be backing the call for an equitable funding formula, so that younger pupils receive the same equal entitlement as

their older brothers and sisters. Yours faithfully. CATHERINE GILMORE. Eversley County Primary School. Crest Avenue, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex. April 28.

Yellow lines

From Councillor T. G. Davies

Sir, Indeed it was "sweet revenge" for many when poor George Musgrave — the inventor of the yellow line — was fined E20 for parking on one (report.

The environmental harm created by yellow lines, especially double ones. is inestimable. They are as injurious to the appearance of our built environment - especially our historic towns - as overhead lines are to our landscape.

The "gentle shade of primrose" with which the Department of Transport will now permit local authorities to replace the familiar shocking yellow (report, May I) is a step in the right direction. But the whole principle of painted lines on the road needs to be reviewed.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM DAVIES, Llys Penydarren, Penydarren Park, Merthyr Tydfil.

May 1. From Mr Tony Fuller

Sir, The Department of Transport has got it wrong again. Put the lines where you can park: they will then be hidden

from view when the cars are parked. Yours faithfully, TONY FULLER, Beech House. Worcester Road, Chipping Norton. Oxfordshire. May I.

Victory anthem?

From Mrs Veronica Scott

Sir. Surely the best music for evensong on election day (letters, April 22, 23, 24, 28, May I) should be The strife is o'er, the battle done, which would

suit whichever party wins. Yours faithfully. VERONICA SCOTT (Secretary, St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge), 24 Addison Avenue, WII. May I.

First past the post

From Mr A. J. Saunders

Sir, May I be the first to complain that the Government's handling of matters is intolerable and demand that the minister responsible resign?

A. J. SAUNDERS, lo Silchester Way. Westlea, Swindon, Wiltshire. 

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE: May I: The Governor and Com-mander-in-Chief of Gibraltar and Lady Luce were received by The

His Excellency Monsieur Kouadio Adjournani was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the Court of St James's. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

The Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland was received by

Mr Earl Lovelace (winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize) was received by Her Majesty. Former prizewinners were also

received by The Queen.
The Hon Donald Mills (Chairman of the Commonwealth Foundation) and Dr Humayun Khan (Director) were present. The Duke of Edinburgh, Admiral of the Fleet, today visited Her Maiesty's Navai Base, Portsmouth, and was received by Her

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan). May I: The Duke of York this afternuon attended the Soldiers'. Sations' and Airmen's Families Association — Forces Help Floral Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

noon launched the programme of landscape improvements surrounding the statue of Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens. Her Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the Royal Caledonian Ball at Grosvenor House, London WI, in aid of the Royal Caledonian Schools Educa-tional Trust and other Scottish

KENSINGTON PALACE May I: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon this after-

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 1: The Duke of Kent, First Grand Principal, this morning presided at the Annual Investiture of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England at Freemasons' Hall and afterwards at Luncheon in the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 1: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, today visited Annapolis to mark the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the city as capital of Maryland. United States of America.

Notice is hereby given that in 1998 the date for observance of The Queen's Birthday, at home and abroad, will be Saturday, June 13. The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Viscount Brookeborough to be a Lord in Waiting to Her Majesty.

Anniversaries

William Comden, antiquary and

historian, London, 1551; Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Palermo, 1660; Catherine II, the

Great, Empress of Russia 1762-96, Scezecin, Poland, 1729; Robert

Hull, Baptist minister, Arnsby,

Henry Hall, band leader, London,

1898; Bing Crosby, singer, Washington, 1904; Faisal II, King of Iraq

Leonardo da Vinci, painter, sculp-tor, architect and engineer, Clos-Luce, France, 1519; Huster Piozzi,

writer, friend of Dr Johnson, Bath,

1821; William Beckford, writer and

eccentric, Bath, 1844; Alfred de

Musset, poet, Paris, 1857: Giacomo

Meyerbeer, composer, Paris, 1864; Lady Astor, first woman to take

her seat as an MP. Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire, 1964; J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI 1924-

The British Navy mutinied at the

Berlin surrendered to Russian

The first jet aircraft passenger

service began between London and

Johannesburg on a BOAC de

Society of Antiquaries

At the Anniversary Meeting of the

Society of Antiquaries of London held on Wednesday, April 23, the following Officers were elected: President, Mr S.S. Jervis: Trea-

surer, Dr D.F. Renn; Director, Mr

A.G. MacGregor; Secretary, Miss J.M. Cook. The President delivered his Anniversary Address. The Gold Medal was awarded to

Havilland Comet, 1952.

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Election

for the Blind

Greater London Fund

Knighthood

Mr Adrian Sindall has been

elected chairman of the Greater

London Fund for the Blind in

succession to Mr John Vernon who

has retired. Mr Timothy H. Drab-

ble has been elected vice-chair-

A Knighthood is to be conferred on

Mr David Eady, QC, on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court.

1939-58, Baghdad, 1935.

DEATHS:

Nore, 1797.

troops, 1945.

Leicestershire, 1764; Jerome K Jerome, novelist and dramatist, Walsall, 1859; Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron), Ger-man air fighter, Schweidnitz, 1892;

BIRTHS

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Matthew Project, will attend the departure of the replica of John Cabot's Matthew from The Quayside. Bristol, at 10.05.

The Princess Royal will attend the bicentenary celebrations at Fish-guard. Dyfed, starting at 10.05 at the Parade Ground on the sea-

Princess Margaret, as President. the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. will attend the annual meeting at Glasgow Royal Concert Sauchiehall Street, at

The Duke of York will attend a dinner given by the Lytham Heritage Trust at Lytham Hall, Lan-cashire at 7.15.

Dame Veronica Wedgwood, OM

A memorial service for Dame will be held at the Temple Church on Wednesday, June 4, at 5pm.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bend draw for May was won with bond number I4GW 579441. The winner lives in Hampshire and has a bond holding of

dinner

Adjutant General's Corps

their Headquarter Mess at Worthy Down. General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, KCB, OBE, ADC Gen. Colonel Commandant, presided. The Very Rev Michael Till. Dean of Winchester, Major-Genera Michael Swindells, CB, Controller Army Benevolent Fund, Major-General Christopher Elliott, MBE. Director General Individual Training and Mr Geoffrey Finn. Master of the Company of Char-tered Secretaries and Administrators and officers recently commissioned into the corps were among the guests.

Dinner

Company of Stationers

presided. FRS, Chief Scientific Adviser, Of-fice of Science and Technology, presented Mr Scot Bendall. Mr Eliot Harper and Miss Katharine Lockett awards from the Company's Educational Charity. Mr Vernon Sullivan. Under Warden, and Mr Donald Sinden also spoke.

Today's birthdays

Dr Robert Anderson, director, British Museum, 53: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barrackough, 79: Professor N.K. Buxton, Vice-Chancellor. University of Hertfordshire, 57: the Right Rev Bruce Cameron. Bishop of Aherdeen and Orkney, 56: Mr Andrew Cohen, chairman, Betterware, 44; Sir Hugh Cortazzi, diplomat, 73; Dr I.P. Evans, Head Master, Bedford School, 49; Mr Alastair Forbes, writer, 79: Mr Peter Foster, Emeritus Surveyor of the Fabric, Westminster Abbey. 78: Mr Jon Foulds, chairman, Halifax Building Society, 65: Sir Campbell Fraser, former chairman, Scottish Television, 74: Str James Hamilton, aviation expert, 74; Dr Patrick Hillery, former President of the Republic of Ireland, 74; Professor Sir Robert Honeycombe, FRS. metalturgist, 76: Mr Clive Jenkins, trade unionist, 71; Professor Michael Kaser, former director, Institute of Russian, Soviet and East European Studies, Oxford, 71: Mr Brian Lara, cricketer, 28: Dr Malcolm Lipkin, composer, 65; Miss Elaine McDonald, ballerina, 54; Dr Chris Masters, chief execunive, Christian Salvesen, 50; Mr

Miss Dawn Primarolo, 43: Lord Silsoe, QC, 67; Sir Ronald Sinclair, former President, Appeal Court of The Bahamas and Bermuda, 94: Dame Nancy Snagge, former director, WRAF, 91: Dr Benjamin Spock, childcare expert, 94; Mr David Suchet, actor, 51: Mr Alan Titchmarsh, horticulturist and broadcaster, 48; Mr Jimmy White,

Service

The officers of the Adjutant General's Corps dined last night in

and Newspaper Makers

The Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers held a dinner last night at Stationers' Hall to granting of the Company's Charter. Mr Roy Fullick. Master,

Afterwards. Sir Robert May.

John Neville, actor, 72 Air Murshal Sir lan Pedder, 71:

snooker player, 35: Lord Woolf, 64.

Professor Philip Grierson, FSA, the Society Medal to Mr Dennis Turner, FSA, and the Frend medal to Professor Yoram Tsafrir.

The following Awards are

Sacially Scools ships
Young Adams (Walibamstow Hall):
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Claire Burlington (Walibamstow
Hall): Victoria Chapman (Guildford
High School): Alexander Collina
(Coopers School, Chischurst): Eric Li
(SI, Ioseph's, Singapore): Cardona
Riddell (Tonbridge Girls' Grammar
School).

Baccalagrasis Scholarships Caroline Boon (Bromley High School): Ingrid Bukovies [Guildford High School): Anthony Coates (King George V. Hong Kong; Eleanor Knox [St Swithurs, Winchester; Tamsin Travers (Marist Convent,

Scholarship
Edward Blanchard Wrigglesworth
(Liceo Europa, Zaragoza).
Geoffrey Garrod Language
Scholarship
Tara Salmon (American International School, Florence).

McEarn Scholarship Leo Sandino Taylor (Chaucer Tech-nical School, Canterbury).

Middle School (13+)

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announced:

majer Scholarship Cediy Anhur (Si Peter's Primary); David Ashwanden (Shipbourne Primary); Jeremy Banks (St Andrew's Edenbridge). Andrews, Edenbridge, Milnor folderhill): Jessica Sarah Hariand (Underhill): Jessica Harris (Sacred Heart, Wadhursti; Helen Miles (Granville): Gillian Ponting (Walthamstow Hall); Chris-topher Roche (Russell House);

The Rev John Peet, Vicar, Harden and Wilsden: to be Vicar. Cononley

The Rev Keith Perkinson, Curate.

Knowle Holy Nativity (Bristol): to be Team Vicar. St Luke. Brighton

The Resurrection (Chichester). The Rev Alan Reed, Vicar, Roffey:

to be Vicar, Hove St Barnabas

The Rev Jane Richards: to be whole-time Chaplain within the Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust Chaplaincy

The Rev Mark Russell-Smith,

Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Slaidburn and St George's.

Dunsoo Bridge: to be also Priest-

in-charge, Long Preston w Tosside

The Rev John Simmons, Curate.

Thame w Towersey (Oxford): to be Rector, Heydon and Great Chishill

Appointments

(Chichester).

Team (Winchester).

School news

Members of the London Philharmonic Choir rehearsing in the Bishopsgate Institute, London, for their 50th anniversary gala concert which Princess Alexandra will attend in the Albert Hail on May 13

James Bassendine (New Beacon);
Ivor Bonnici (Warren Road Primary);
Nicholas Cavaday (St James's
Primary); Thomas de Quincey
British School Caracas; Verly Ellis
(St John's Primary); Kirsty Patierson
(Grarville); Cecily Rawiinson (Rusel) House; Afnabel Wittmann

Scholarships Scholarships Barringer (Sevenoals); 160: Tanya Barringer (Sevenoals); Pippa Jones (Weils Cathedral School); Sarah Tunstall (Sevenoals); Jennifer Walker (St Edmund's, Canterbury).

oury). Hasha Barnes (James Allen's Rache) Dawlon (Russell 3+: Katharine Norton (Windlesham Touse): Annabel Eclair-Heath

Beaconj; James Lockwood (Stoke Brunswick); Laura Penfound (Holmewood House) II-: Laura Aribur (Kent College); Nicholas Cavaday (ST James's Primary); Letina Ring (Hilden Oaks).

Mayfield); 18+: [Hankiwood] Specialist Awards The Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and All-Round Achievement (6-: Canjilia Askaroff (Halisham Community Coill): David Griffiths (Ecole int Le Verseau, Beiglum); Charles Morris (French Int School,

The Rev Judith Thompson, Curate, St. Barnabas, Knowle and Holy

Cross, Irins Court (Bristol): to be also Adviser in Pastoral Care for Clergy and their families for the

The Rev Stephen Tricklebank, Chaplain of Aintree NHS Trust

(Liverpool): to be Hospital Chap-

lain. Doncaster Royal Infirmary, and Priest-in-charge, St Ed-mund's, Anchorage Lame. Don-caster (Sheffield). The Rev John Webber, Bishop's Adviser on Inter-Faith Relations

diocese of Bristol

PERSONAL COLUMN

renoaks School is a registered ucity (No 307923) for the purpose Arnold School, Blackpool The Summer Term began on Tuesday, April 15, and will end on Thursday, July 3. Alexander Rawlinson is Captain of Cricket, and Ruth Stadnik and Ben McGough are the Captains of Tennis. This term's events include: the Oxford & Cambridge Dinner on May 3 at Queen's College, Oxford; the Founder's Day Service on May 9 with Rev Roger D. Greeves, Chaplain of Robinson College, Cambridge as the guest speaker; Founder's Day Gala Re-cital on May 10 with Martin Roscoe who will take a Muster Class on May II; the Summer Concert on May I2; the Upper Sixth Leavers' Service and Evening Reception on May i5: Ladles Luncheon Club President's reception for the Seattle Parents on May lo; Reception for new parents on June 18; the Sixth Form Summer Ball on June 27; the Parents & Friends Summer Ball on June 28 at the De Vere Hotel; Common Room Dinner on July 3. Summer School begins on July 14 ending on July 25; the Rugby tour to Canada departs July 17 and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition to the French Alps leaves July 22.

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Church news

and Elmdon w Wenden Lofts and and Assistant Curate, St Dunstan Strethall (Chelmsford). The Rev Michael Smith, Team and All Saints, Stepney: to be Priest-in-charge, St Barnabas, Bethnal Green, and continue as Vicar, Howden Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Bridlington Holy Trinity and Sewerby w Marton (York). The Rev Barbara Stanton, NSM Priest, Hinckley St Mary: to be Priest-in-charge, Husbands Bos-Bishop's Adviser on Inter-Paith Relations (London). The Rev Tony Windross, Curate, St Mary, Easthourne: to be Team Vicar, East Grinstead (Chichester). worth w Mowsley and Knaptolt and Theddingworth, and Bishop's Ecumenical Officer (Leicester). Resignations and retirements The Rev Leonard Burn, Vicar,

Bengeworth (Worcester): retired April 30. The Rev Eisle Butterworth, Assistant Curate, Filey (York): to retire June 3. Canon John Devereux, Industrial

Chaplain (Chichester): to retire. The Rev Michael Dunn, Priest-incharge, Little Malvern, Malvern Wells and Wyche (Worcester): retired April 30. Canon David Fricker, Rector, Brightling, Dallington, Mountfield, Netherfield (Chichesteri: to retire.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D.F. Crossley and Miss S.F.B. Freeland The engagement is announced between John, only son of Colonel

berween John, only son of Colones
the Hon Richard Nicholas
Crossley and the late Mrs
Crossley of Malton, North
Yorkshire, and Sarah, youngest
daughter of Major and Mrs John
Bayfield Freeland, of Kimbury. Dr R.A. Houd

and Mrs B. Sworder and Mrs D. Sworder is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Hood, of Earsham. Norfolk, and Belinda, daughter of lady Robinson and stepdaugher of Sin Albert Bakingon of Johannes. Sir Albert Robinson, of Johannes burg, South Africa. Captain A.B. Jackso

and Miss K.S.T. Prince and Miss K.S.T. Prince
The engagement is announced between Captain Andrew Jackson,
The Paractune Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Jackson, of Ramsey, Isle of Man, and Kate, daughter of Lieuzenant Colonel William Prince, of Blackheath, and Mrs Sue Eking, of Thorington Street Suffolk Mr KJ. Mee

and Miss K.R. Voaden The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Mee, of Manor Farm, North Ockendon, Essex, and Katharine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alistair Voaden, of Hampstead, NW3, and Broad Campden, Gloucestershire. Mr R. Stavert

und Miss E. Bevens The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Stavert, of Chester, and Elaine, only daughter of Mr Barry Bevens, of Bristol, and Mrs Diane Winks, of Milton Bryan, Bedfordshire.

Mr A. Robsun and Miss Z. Barry-Hughes The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of the late Mr James Maurice Robson and of Mrs Elizabeth Anne Robson, of Sudbury, Suffolk, and Zoe, daughter of the late Mr John Hughes and of Mrs Gerald Marvin, of Auch, France.

Mr P. Widdows and Miss Z. Peek

The engagement is announced between Paul, second son of Mr and Mrs John Widdows, of Shoeburyness, Essex, and Zōe, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Peek, of Leytonstone,

Marriages Mr O.W. Barratt

and Mrs V.C. Patterson The marriage took place on Sat-urday, April 5, at St Anthony's Church, Cartmel Fell, Cumbria, of Mr Oliver Barratt, MBE, and Mrs Victoria Patterson, née Stanley. Canon Bill Greetham officiated. A reception was held at Cowmire Hall.

After a honeymoon in France, a second reception was held on Monday, April 28, at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh.

Mr C.S. Sanderson and Miss K.I. Gould

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, April 26, at Arrowfield Winery, Hunter Valley, Australia, between Charles Sebastian Sanderson, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Sanderson, of London, NWI, and Katherine Isabella Gould, daughter of Mr and Mrs. John: Gould, of Singleton.

University news

Reading University
The following new research grants and contracts have been accepted.

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Frees, Professor I Marray and Professor P J Cooper (Psychology), 5452,548 from the Medical Research Council - the process of child development in the context of posmatsi depression. Professor R Simkist (School of Animal and Microbial Science), 5310,811 from the Natural Environment Research Council - predicting the bicavaliability of sediment politiants. nitants.

Dr S E Beicher and Dr R G Harrison

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Prolessor il J Hockins and Dr J illingo (Meteorology), £ 16,005 from MERC—the impical intraseasonal oscillation and its role in seasonal prediction.

Dr L P Simmonds (Soil Science), £154,913 from NERC—development of methods for estimating soil surface resistances for use in dual source evaporation equations.

Prom ether feddles:
Dr. P. Hadley (Hordicalture and Landscape), £46,287 from the Biscuit Calla Chopolata Confectionery Aliance—international conce germplasm database.

Dr B F Finch (Construction Management & Engineering, £11,282 from DOB (Crisp)—database of current construction-related research applications of the construction of the construction of the construction of the construction related research applications. At Lettington (Physical, £48,742 from the European Commission - Nectar S.

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D. K. P. Shine [Metaorology], 153.678,
from the European Commission - the
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Dr. G. C. Craig (Meteorology), 123.057,
from the European Commission condensation and energy transport in
planetary atmospheres.
Dr. D. J. F. Grimes (Meteorology),
155.7.014 from the European Commission - development of geostalist-

Dr C D Thorncroft (Meteorology), 138,825 from the European Commission - African easterly waves and their transformation into tropical ordinase.

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Professor R Burch (Chemistry),
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Or M J Sjudson (Chemistry) £31,200 from National Fower - pregunation of copper sulphide coated fibres and porous carbons.

Dr J C Peters (Agriculture) £323,208 from Naturel Resources international - control of yam diseases in forest margin farming systems in Ghana.

Dr G P Warren (Soil Science £41,727 from Naturel Resources international - from the carbon factor of the carb

maintenance of Jost Recility and organic matter.
Professor C M Williams (Rood Science and Technology). L87,115 from Mester- an investigation of the lipid covering properties of car branconcements in volunteers with moderate hyperilpidaemun; a study in the fastes and postprandial state.
Mr P T Dorward (Agricolture) and Mr D Shepherd (ARRDID), L169,579 from the Oversett Development of larm management type methods from improved needs analysis.
Mr P H Tavlor (ARRDID), L27,511 from

Administration - the development of parm management type methods from improved needs analysis. Mr P H Taylor (AERDD), E37.511 from the Overseas Development Administration - agricultural education as a means of contenuesising learning. Dr H G H Härke (Archeology), E20, 193 from the Eritish Academy-Levendring trees a first of the Eritish Academy-Levendring trees - Senior Research Pellowship 1997/98.

Dr M J Wilkinson (Agricultural Bosany), £10,000 from the Cocoa Research Association - Microsatelling fingerprinning of cocoa.

Dr P Hadley (Horticulture and Landscape), £22,000 from the Ghana Cocoa Growing Research Association-long-term cional trial project.

Dr N Ravenscroft (Land Management and Development), £32,200 from the Planning inspectivate - review of caseport Information needs.

Professor G N Pether and Mr E P G Rariow (Communical Management and Engineering), £32,200 from the first Coastrocton Institute - Rife rolles for a formation of the first Coastrocton (Land Management and Engineering), £32,200 from the first Coastrocton Institute - Rife rolles for a formation measure of the first Coastrocton of Landscape, £186,700 from Unitever UK Central Resources - mechanical properties of high fee phase winner Scripes solution, and EA5,000 from Unitever UK Central Resources - analytical and numerical modelling trols.

Professor J W Almond and Dr J A McKenting (School of Abinal agd Microbial Sciences, £196,735 from the Welcome Trust - expression and characterisation of hepatitis C virus envelope glycoproteins: tools for cioning the cell surface receptor.

Dr A B Jones (Animal and Microbial Sciences, £718,000 from Zeocca Agrochemicals - verebrare pests: research and development.

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BIRTHS

DEATHS

There are things hidden, and they belong to the Lord our God, but what is revealed belongs to us and our chil-dren forever; it is for us to observe all that the law pre-scribes Deuteronomy 29:29 BIRTHS

BEAZIEY - On April 30th at Bedford Hospital, to Amanda (nee Whitby) and Thomas, a daughter, Hannah Isobel, a CATES - On March 31st, to Sheema (née Dorrell) and Roderick, a son, Thomas Roy DEAR - On 23rd April 1997, to Jane (née Orr Ewing) and Paddy, a son, Maxwell William Caussier.

GACA - On April 26th, to Patricia (née Grabam-Toler) and Michael, a son, Edward Walenty. DIENS - On April 22nd, to Matthew and Saffron (nee Vestory) a son, Alfred John Simon.

KELLY - On February 22nd 1997, to Siobhán (náe O'Suilivan) and Stephen, another lovely daughter, Naomi Grace, a sister for Hannah Eate Deo Gratias.

PAYVLEY - On 23rd April at The REND - On 28th April 1997, to Caroline and Graeme, at Hedon Road Maternity Hospital, Kingston-upon-Hull, a daughter, Stephanie Jane, a sister for Alexandre and Nicholas.

ROSS - On April 30th, to Susan (nee Earle) and Neil, a son, Duncan, a tennis partner for Fenella.

DEATHS

ROLLS - On April 20th 1997, at St. Thomas. Hospital London, to Amanda (née Burrough) and George, a son Edward Jamis, a brother for George and Phoebe. STOVES - On 28th April, to David and Lisa, a beautiful daughter, Alana Victoria, a sister for Callum Daniel

AATROSUS - On April 30th
1997 Esterol Alice Muriel
OBE peacefully aged 91.
Belored widow of Beigadier
Philip Reginold Antrobus
CBE, MC, Di and dear sister
of Douglas and Adrian Pelly
and the late Andrea
Hoskyns. Funeral at All
Saints Church, Steep, at
2.30pm Wednesday May 7th
1997. Family flowers only
but donations if wished to
Save the Children Fund,
Hearh Farmhouse,
Petersfield, GU31 4HU. SEAUMOONT - On April 30th 1997, tragically, Rosemary in her seventles, wife of the late John Authony (Tony). Will be sadly missed by her family. Enquiries to AB. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL. Tel: 0118 9573660.

DAY - On 30th April 1997
peacefully after a long
filness. Howard Edwin
Master Baker of Ashwell
aged 72 years. Memorial
Service at St Mary's Church,
Ashwell, on Friding 9th May
at 12 noon. Family flowers
only by request. Donations if
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MARSH - Lilian. On 30th April 1997 at home, aged 88 years. Beloved Wife of Ronald, dearly loved Mother of Angels and dear Grandmother of Nicola, Lucinda and Charles. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Klaver, on Wednesday 7th May at 11sm, followed by private interment. No flowers by request, donations for First Community Health Nursing Trost Fund are being accepted by H. Porter & Sons, 60, South Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DYS 3UI, telephone (01384) 395048. TRAUSE - See Lunzer.

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Sir Alan Rothuie, KCVO CMG, former diplomat, died on April 24 aged 76. He was born on May 2, ·· 1920.

lthough his final diplomatic posting was as Ambassador to Switzerland between 1976 and 1980, Alan Rothnie was in essence an Arabist and the most important part of his msg knipecareer was served in the Middle East. He was Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1972 to 1976, a period which included a particularly ticklish time for Anglo-Arab diplomacy, given the oil crisis resulting from the Arab-Israeli war of 1973. Before that, as Charge d'Affaires in Kuwait from 1961, he had been involved in negotiations for the withdrawal of British forces from Kuwait when it gained Alan Keir Rothnie was born

in Nottinghamshire (though his father was an Aberdonian) and educated at Montrose Academy where he was dux (academic scholar) of his year. From Montrose he went to St Andrews University to read philosophy, politics and eco-nomics. But when he was in his second year, war broke out and he was called up into the RNVR. Given command of a minesweeper, he was involved with Russian convoys, not as an escort but in clearing mines from the White Sea approaches to Archangel, the disembar-kation port for the supplies, aircraft and weaponry which were being supplied by the British to the Soviet armed

Demobilised in 1945, he joined the Diplomatic Service in November of that year and, after a period at the Foreign Office in London, went to the British Legation in Vienna in 1946. With the tense situation in the city which was, like Berlin, partitioned at that time between the victorious Western powers and the Soviet. Union, this was an absorbing introduction to diplomacy.

From 1949 to 1950 he was at the British Embassy in Bangkok as 2nd Secretary, before returning to the Foreign Office in London. It was during his three years there that he met and married his wife Anne, who was later to learn Arabic with him, an accomplishment which made her an invaluable years in the Middle East.



After a spell in Madrid, he had his first Middle Eastern assignment, as assistant political agent in Kuwait, 1956-58. This was a turning point in his career. From then on, he was a destined Arabist as far as the PO was concerned. Both he and his wife learnt Arabic during two years at the Mid-die East Centre for Arab Studies at Shemlan, Lebanon, between 1960 and 1962. Spells in Kuwait and Baghdad followed; it was an interesting experience moving between these two places in the wake of the meditated invasion of Kuwait by irac's President Kassern, which had (in marked contrast to Saddami Hussein's threat of 1990) been forestalled by prompt British

from 1965 to 1968, provided a complete contrast, in terms both of climatic and political atmosphere. The newly appointed general secretary of the CPSU, Brezhnev, was conaolidating his power and "cooling" the more mercurial ambience that had briefly existed under Khrushchev. Rothnie actually got on very well with Russians, but like most married embassy staff, he had to become inured to being telephoned by a seduc-tively voiced female caller, soliciting a meeting if his wife was ever away. His reply was always: "Please put me through to the KGB major in charge of you," which effectively silenced the caller.

was Commercial Counsellor

Moscow, where Rothnie East - after three years in increasing oil production and and a daughter.

defence contract were going badly. Rothnie saved the day by insisting to Whitehall that a single consortium should be formed to cut down the confusion and clear the air. Once this had been done, and a single consortium led by BAC took over the business, negotiations were able to proceed Saudi Arabia was, perhaps,

using its influence to prevent

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negotiations between three dif-

further price rises.

Rothnie's most strenuous post-ing. But when off-duty he was able to introduce his family to the mysteries of the Arabian peninsula. On one occasion he took them down the Hejaz railway, which had, during the First World War, been subject to constant attack by T. E. Lawrence and his Arab partisans, as they sought to disrupt Turkish suppply lines. In a journey through unchart-ed desert, the Rothnies were able to visit the ancient, but little known, Nabataean city of Medain-Saleh - the Petra of Saudi Arabia Berne, Rothnie's final Em-

bassy, was a less stressful post: electronics, financial services and pharmaceuticals, rather than oil and military hardware, were the principal trading currencies between the two nations. While there he hosted a dinner for the Oueen during a Royal visit to Switzerland, and was appointed KCVO in 1980. He had been appointed CMG in 1967. But perhaps the honour which gave him most pleasure was the honorary LLD he was awarded by St Andrews in 1981. Besides acknowledging his achievements on the international stage it was a pleasant compensation for his having been prevented from finishing his degree at St Andrews because of the war.

In retirement, Rothnie was, as he had been throughout his life whenever circumstances permitted, an enthusiastic gardener. From his Middle East experiences he had also become an accomplished barbecue chef, and at his home in Kent he built a large barbecue area with several ovens and stoves. From this complex he was able to orchestrate large scale barbecue parties. Alan Rothnie is survived by

HUGH FAULKNER

Hugh Faulkner, OBE, director of Help the Aged, 1961-83, died on April 6 aged 80. He was born on June 8, 1916.

ferent British companies and A QUAKER, with high ideals the Saudis for a multi-billion and an inspired ability to raise funds, Hugh Faulkner was a founding member of Help the Aged, and director of the charity for almost 22 years. The elderly, he said, were always at the end of the queue". He made it his aim not only to raise money but also to raise public awareness of their plight.

Politicians were forced to realise that if they failed to take the needs of the elderly into account they would find themselves facing vociferous challenge. "Heip the Aged," Faulkner said last year, "cannot save all the world's aged from hunger and loneliness yet, but it can devise imaginative programmes pointing the way for the Government to follow,"

Faulkner himself regularly appeared on behalf of the charity on television and radio. His manifest honesty and friendly demeanour at-tracted confidence. With his help the charity was to grow in two decades from a small organisation based in three spartan rooms to a charity attracting donations of some £10 million a year supporting projects varying from housing the homeless to paying for cataract operations.

Hugh Branston Faulkner was born in Lutterworth, Leicestershire, and educated at the local grammar school. As a boy he showed considerable talent as a pianist - one critic even described him as a prodigy - but his parents could not finance any further studies of music and, on leaving school, he had to settle for a modest clerical job instead. From 1936 to 1946 he

worked in education administration in Leicester - education was always to remain one of his core interests. Through children, he believed, the attitudes of society could be transformed. He registered as a conscientious objector during the Second World War his tribunal being held during the evacuation of Dunkirk. He was an ardent pacifist and once during the war even refused to play the National Anthem on the church organ, From 1946, for eight years, he disabled.



was organising secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an interdenominational peace movement. In 1952 he visited Russia as a member of a peace delegation and the next year undertook a lecture tour of the United States.

After the war he became a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors and ran Church Brothers estate agents, within the Jackson-Cole group. This business, run by people with strong Christian convictions, had been established so that a substantial part of its profits might go to charitable causes.

Faulkner however, combined these business interests with directorship from 1954 to 1979 of the Voluntary and Christian Service (VCS). At first much of his charitable work had to be done early in the morning and late at night, but over the years he was increasingly released from business. He became more and more involved in work on behalf of the aged and the

In 1961 VCS launched Helm the Aged, of which eventually Faulkner was to become fulltime director. By the time he retired, the charity was one of the top ten fund-raisers. He was appointed OBE for his work in 1980.

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Faulkner never believed in forced retirement for the elderly and when, on leaving Help the Aged, he was invited to join the Asthma Research Council (now the National Asthma Campaign) he accepted, and remained there until 1988 when he was 72.

In 1993 he established, jointly with his wife, the Persistant Virus Disease Research Foundation to further research into the disease usually known as ME (from which his wife suffered). He was working for this foundation up until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Anne, whom he married in 1954 and who had worked with him closely throughout his career, spearheading public relations for Help the Aged. and daughter.

ALPARSLAN TURKES

Alparsian Turkes. Turkish politician, died iu Ankara oz April 4 aged 79. He was born in Nicosia on November 25. 1917.

ON MAY 27, 1960, it was from the voice of Alparsian Turkes broadcast over national radio that the Turks learnt that the military had overturned the country's elected government. Although the Western press likened him at the time to Egypt's Colonel Nasser, Turkes's outlook was very different from that of the Arab pan-nationalists. His dubious accomplishment in Turkish politics was to put into practice a brand of ultra-nationalism founded in the "Turanist" myth. This held that the Turks were a continuation of a brave race that came to Anatolia from the steppes of Central ional Unity Committee and found himself exiled as a

Alparsian Turkes's awareness of his Turkishness was no doubt heightened by his baving been brought up a memr of a minority in Cyprus. His parents migrated to Islanbul where he won a place at Kuleii, the military academy whose previous graduates had included Mustafa Kernal

Ataturk. A brief prison spell in 1944 for his Fascist sympathies did not dampen the young officer's political ardour. Unlike many of his co-conspirators in the 1960 junta, he believed the answer to Turkey's problems lay in strong and radical diciatorship and certainly not in the liberal democracy envisaged by the 1961 constitution. Along with 13 others, he was ousted from the ruling Nat-

military attaché to New Delhi. Turkes returned in 1963 and was arrested but not convicted for backing an unsuccessful coup attempt by his former commanding officer, Talat Aydemir. From then on he turned his energies to civilian politics. On two separate occasions during the 1970s Turkes managed to bargain his small National Action Party (NAP) into a right-wing coalition led by Suleyman Demirel, His fellow deputy prime minister was, Necmettin Erbakan, who, as the current Prime Minister, is the architect of

politicised Islam in Turkey. Turkes's personal influence was always suspected of being greater outside parliament. To Turkey's notorious Grey Wolves, the bands of ideo-

logues who declared often bloody war on leftists in Turkey during the 1970s. Turkes was the undisputed leader of the pack. They greeted him with the raised first and fourth finger clenched salute and referred to him by the Asiatic title of

Chicago as Consul General -

for his first Embassy, Riyadh,

in 1972. This was a period of energy crisis in the West; in October 1973, the quadrupling

of the oil price by OPEC after the outbreak of the Arab-

Israeli Yom Kippur War put

industrialised countries at the

mercy of the oil producers.

Much of Rothnie's diplomatic

day thereafter was spent in

trying to persuade the Saudi

royal house to supply oil at less

than extortionate prices, organising trade-offs of mili-tary hardware and training

facilities. In the event Saudi Arabia, though it had original-

ly led the Arab campaign to

exert political pressure on the

West, emerged as one of the

most "conservative" and pro-

Busbag, or "chieftain". The clashes in the new neighbourhoods in the big cities or between Turks and Alevi Kurds in the east of the country helped to provoke another military coup in 1980. Yet Turkes's own links to organised violence were never formally established. He was

arrested after the 1980 coup when he and 200 members of his party were charged with instigating civil war and murdering nearly 600 people. He was released on medical grounds in 1985 and a guilty

CAPITAL FLIGHTS

verdict was overturned on

appeal.
The nationalist, right-wing

politics which he made respeciable did not disappear, however. The Motherland Party created by the late Turgut Ozal contained a distinct nationalist wing and many of Turkes's followers have drifted into other parties. Turkes's own belief system was modelled on the work of Nihal Atsis — an atavistic spirituality of the steppes. Yet some of his followers set out to recreate a non-Arabic Islamic identity for Turkey, known as "Turkish-Islamic synthesis" and which became virtu-

ally the official ideology during the 1980s. The nationalists continued to have their unpleasant side. Former Grey Wolves were almost certainly recruited by the security forces for covert actions, particularly in the Kurdish southeast. Many of these gangs went on to become laws unto themselves. Former nationalist street toughs are now suspected of heading powerful crime syndicates with links to parties supposedmore moderate than

Turkes's own. Turkes returned to parliament in 1991 just as the Central Asian Republics were liberated from Moscow's control. The successful Turkish drive to win friends and business contracts among the

ethnically Turkic republics re-

defined and to some extent vindicated Turkes's pan-Turkic focus. At the same time he tried to relieve himself of his

bad-boy Grey Wolf image.
Deprived of its lifelong
Communist adversary, the NAP became a strange advocate of human rights and the rule of law. The NAP was still, however, the party of choice for the gendarme posts and special teams enlisted to defeat the Kurdish militants in the southeast. Until his death Turkes believed some problems could be solved only by hitting them over the head.

In the 1995 elections his party failed by two points to scale the 10 per cent threshold needed to qualify for parliamentary seats. Yet by this time his influence as a power broker among the divided Turkish right and as elder statesman was confirmed. In an interview just hours before his death. Turkes endorsed the military's all-too-public view that the pro-Islamic Welfare party was threatening the country's democratic regime. His calculation was that a pre-election pact between the NAP and one of the two more centre right parties would prove an alliance strong enough to defeat Welfare in an

early election. He is survived by his second wife, Seval, and their two children as well as by five children from his first marriage.



Alparsian Turkes in the dock during his 1980 trial on charges of murder and instigating civil war

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WESTMINSTER, Friday The discussion to-day on Mr. Buchanan's Bill to establish a legal 48-hour working week in industry brought into sharp contrast the two chief industrial theories of modern times. The first, tunefully and explosively elaborated by Mr. BUCHANAN himself and Mr. KIRKWOOD, argues that conditions should be imposed from Westminster and applied, as best they can, by the industrial community. Its exponents based their case upon the flirtations with their theory in which Committees, both at home and abroad have from time to time indulged. The Washington Labour Conven-tion should, they claimed, be honoured just as rigorously as promises to subscribers to war loans. Moreover, the joint employers and employed Committee of 1919 had unanimously reported in layour of a 48-hour week. irrespective of conditions in other countries.

Mr. Kirkwood was especially berce in defence of this 'last remnant of the concessions extorted by the workers during the war and took occasion to describe the offer of the employers to the engineering trades as an iniquitous attack thereon.

The second theory, exposed by Mr CLARRY none too coherently, holds that the complexity and variety of industries in this country

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Over the last 70 years average weekly hours of work for manual workers appear to have fluctuated; in 1960 they were 48.0; in 1992, 44.5. Buchanan's Bill was lost, 223 to 128 votes.

cannot be harmonized by any general regulations; and that fools from Westminster should not rush in where the angels of industry have to walk as delicately as Agag. The proof was that in America the minimum of legislative interference produced the maximum wages, the shortest hours, and the highest output. Moreover the Bill itself contained so many contingent and controversial exceptions that it was unworkable, and could only be dangerous when the state of industry constituted a national emergency. SIR WILFRED SUGDEN produced some clear figures to support this view. Ger

shipyards were working 54 to 64 hours and Dutch 55½ hours, per week for much lower wages than those paid in British shipyards. The Bill was also unnecessary because nearly all British industries were working under 48 hours — e.g. ship-building 40.98 and en-

gineering 44.7.

LORD HENRY CAVENDISH-BENTINCK urged that if the Bill made so little
material difference, why not pass it to achieve moral results? It would safeguard factories already working 48 hours against the unfair competition of those who were not. The best speech, however, was that of CAPTAIN LODER, who thought the Bill inapportune, but urged we should not throw up our hands in despair at foreign compention, but rather negotiate with foreign countries to secure fairer conditions, MR. MACQUISTEN wondered why workmen should not be allowed to work as long as they wanted to, particularly

SIR ARTHUR STEEL-MAITLAND took a strictly political and industrial view of the matter. He could not accept a Bill which cut across a large number of existing agreements.
The Washington Convention was another matter. He was perfectly ready to hold another conference with foreign Govern-ments and see how the varieties of national interpretation could be harmonized . . .

NEWS

Exit polls show Blair landslide

■ Tony Blair will today enter Downing Street as the first Labour Prime Minister for 18 years, according to surveys of voters as they left the polling booths yesterday.

With sunshine boosting the general election turnout Labour appeared to be on course for a landslide win. A RBC/NOP exit poll showed Labour with 47 per cent. Conservatives 29, Lib-Dems 18 and other parties 6. An ITN/MORI poll forecast a Labour majority of 159 seats Pages 1, 2, 22, 23, 28, 31

Down's test mother wins £300,000

■ Sandra Hurley, who gave birth to a boy with Down's syndrome after a military doctor advised her against a screening test won £300,000 compensation yesterday, ending a six-year battle with the Ministry of Defence. She said that she was deliriously happy with the settlement....Pages 1. 3

Maze protest ends

Loyalist inmates ended a threeday protest at the Maze Prison after the Government agreed to en compulsory lock-ups at the high-security jail for a four-week trial periodPage 2

idvii lives on

A community of owners of prewar chalets has won an eightyear legal battle against eviction from their woodland village on near Swansea where they live cut off from the world Page 5

Violent teacher

A teacher with a history of violence against pupils found work at a comprehensive school and assaulted three children on his first day, Plymouth magistrates' court was toldPage 8

Free Trade hotel

A plan to convert Manchester's Free Trade Hall into a £35 million. 20-storey hotel has upset defenders of the city's Victorian heritage Page 9

Hay fever pills risk

All the most popular hay fever pills that do not cause drowsiness are potentially dangerous, according to data from 17 countries about the side-effects.......Page 3

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Prison officers are accused of a vendetta against staff trying to improve conditions for 1,400 patients in three top-security mental

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Tunnel blight

Kent residents whose houses have lost thousands of pounds in value because of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link are protesting over tough new compensation Page 15

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Our passion for Bulgarian wine, which has a healthy 5 per cent of the British market, has helped state wineries such as Vinprom Rousse to become major exportoriented companies...... Page 16

Back in harness

The former American Secretary of State James Baker is once again engaged in shuttle diplomacy - this time to stop war in Western Sahara..... Page 17

May Day fighting

Street battles between neo-Nazis and their masked left-wing opponents erupted in Germany in what has become a May Day ritual of violence......Page 18

Rwanda victims Sick and wounded Rwandan refugees are being left to die in the mud of the Zairean rainforest, Some 20,000 have come out but ... Page 11 65,000 remain lost ... Pages 19, 23

ireland dreads Eurovision win

Ireland hopes to avoid winning tomorrow's Eurovision Song Contest in Dublin. The contest has cost the country about £10 million since 1993 and is draining the resources of RTE, the national broadcaster. Even Marc Roberts, the singer of Ireland's ballad-like entry, Mysterious Woman, is apparently saying that he is not allowed to win



John Major in Hemingford Abbots, Cambridgeshire, yesterday afternoon after he had voted in his Huntingdon constituency

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battle was developing after Dillon Read, the US investment banking boutique, came under fire from ING Barings, the Dutch banking and insurance groupPage 27 Nadir: SFO detectives will try to

have Asil Nadir arrested and brought to the UK if he stands by his vow to travel to Turkey from northern Cyprus..... ...Page 27

Airport: BAA is set to win the race for Melbourne airport. Australia's second-busiest airport. In a deal believed to be worth more than E630 million

Markets: The FTSE 100 Index rose 9.0 to 4,445.0. The sterling index fell from 100.1 to 99.7. The pound fell 1.76 pfennigs to DM2.7912 but Football: Chelsea have signed the Uruguay midfield player, Gustavo Poyet, from Real Zaragoza on a free transfer, beating Italian and Spanish clubsPage 52

SPORT

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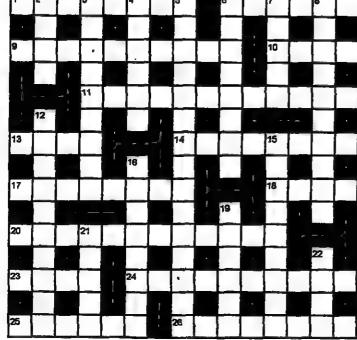
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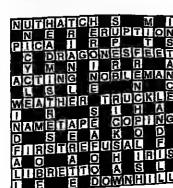
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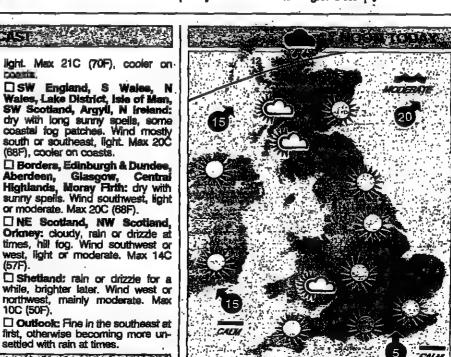
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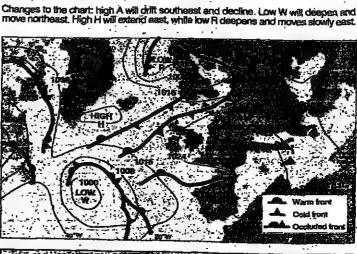
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US target angered by leak

ING Barings sets sights on Dillon Read

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HOSTILE trans-Atlantic ing last night after Dillon Read, the private American investment banking bou-tique came under fire from ING Barings, the Dutch banking and insurance.

group.

Bank analysts on Wall
Street and in London said that Dillon Read, which is privately owned by its 40 partners and employees in the firm, was angry that news of the talks appeared to have been deliberately leaked.

The analysts said that Dillon Read values its privacy and that of its clients, which nclude Johnson Matthey, the Kimberly Clark Corporation

denied that it had leaked any details of the negotiations. Peter Rosenthal, spokes-man for Dillon Read, said:

Dillon Read has been in liscussions with ING rexercise of Dilon Read's option to acquire the 25 per cent interest that

He added: "In connection with those discussions, Dillon Read keeps receiving proposals from ING based on ING's apparent desire that Dillon Read not exercise

its option."

ING Barings already owns 25 per cent of Dillon Read and the US partners have an option to buy back

ING's stake. That option must be exercised by June 1. Senior executives of the American firm were believed to be keen to exercise their right and buy back the ING stake.

pelieved to be willing to pay a

times book value, which would put a price tag of between \$450 million and \$500 million on the deal.

ING Barings, however, could claw back the money quite easily and at the same time establish an even larger presence in America, where it is times. presence in America, where it already employs some 1,200 people in New York. These

staff work mainly on ING's global emerging market and banking business. The increasingly tense nego-

tiations are being conducted in the City between Marinus undernoud, the cha ING's corporate and investment banking arm, and John Birkelund, chairman of Dillon Read. Franklin Hobbs, president and chief executive, is keeping a close watch on the talks. Mr Birkelund is a noted Anglophile and owns a farm in the sputh of England.

At the time of the Barings

crash in February 1995, the UK merchant bank owned 40 per cent of Dillon Read but ING was persuaded to sell back 15 per cent of the equity holding. If the ING team wins the day and takes over Dillon Read, the Dutch group will have a new and highly respected investment banking business in the heart of Wall

the Dutch bankers to per-suade the key Dillon Read executives to remain with the firm. A mass exodus would seriously undermine the new

Over the years, the Dillon Read partners have made a forume from selling stakes in their business only to buy them back at a later stage. In 1986, for example, the US

company was sold to Travelers Group, the American insurance combine, for around \$158 million. In 1991, th partners bought it back in a transaction backed by Barings, which took 40 per cent of the \$65 million buy-

The talks between the two banking groups have reached US negotiating team has been angered at what it sees as deliberate leaks and the atmosphere between the negotia-tors has been described as

Nevertheless, the very high premium that ING places on the Wall Street firm, at a time when the mergers and acquisi tions boom on both sides of the Atlantic appears to have peaked, could sway the deal in favour of the Dutch group.



Asil Nadir, who fled to northern Cyprus four years ago, says he intends to go to Turkey

SFO to seek **Nadir** arrest in Turkey

brought back to the UK if he stands by the vow he made yesterday to travel to the mainland from northern

Cyprus. Mr Nadir, who fled from the UK four years ago before eccounting charges, told the esterday: "I will return to my nvestments in Turkey."

This comment was backed up by his solicitor, Peter Krivinskas, who told *The Times* that he had spoken to Mr Nadir and he had confirmed plans to travel from northern Cyprus to Turkey. Turkey," Mr Krivinskas said. 'I don't know how immediate

his arrangements are."
The SFO has sent officers to Turkey to talk with the local proscecuting authorities.

on Extradition that allows fugitives from justice to be extradit ed for financial crimes. The Interpol, which has been alerted by the SFO to be on the lookout for Mr Nadir.

said he did not believe the Turkish courts would allow Mr Nadir, who is now a Turkish citizen, to be extradited in these circumstances. Mr Nadir cannot be extra-

radio station, as the country is not recognised by the UK. Mr Nadir had extensive business interests in Turkey

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Turkey recently signed the European Union Convention Turkish police are members of

However, Mr Krivinskas

dited from northern Cyprus, where he has just launched a before the collapse in 1990 of

Polly Peck International, the

fruit-to-hotels group he ran.

STOCK MARKET

Mercury takes Alliance stake

Mercury Asset Management the fund manager, has built up a substantial stake in Alliance & Leicester. Citywatch, a research group, has identified that MAM has bought a 6.26 per cent interest

after analysing little more than half the shares sold. Citywatch also believes that other institutional shareholders have built up stakes of less than 2 per cent. Shares in the former building society rose ip to 574p. Market report, page 30

Regan's allies sever their ties

By Sarah Cunningham

ANDREW REGAN, the man behind an abortive £1.2 billion bid for the Cooperative Wholesale Society, was abandoned by two more City allies yesterday.

HSBC James Capel said it had resigned from its role as broker to Lanica Trust, the investment company that he runs. Killik & Co, the stockbroker, said it had "severed all links" with him and "condemns the use of dishonest tactics".

Capels had been discussing the relisting of Lanica's shares, which have been suspended since February, with the Stock Exchange. Exchange officials are now believed to be talking directly to the company.

Killik, which encouraged clients to invest in Lanica and Galileo, the company that he set up to carry out the bid, said it had been strongly influenced in its decision to recommend investment by "the pedigree of Lanica's advisers and

other backers". Hambros Bank. Mr Regan's main adviser, resigned from acting for him earlier this week and apologised unreservedly to the CWS. It and Mr Regan's solicitors, Travis Smith Braithwaite which also resigned - settled out of court with the CWS and paid it in excess

of £1 million in damages. Killik, echoing a similar statement on Wednesday by Schroders, another investor, emphasised that it had not seen any confidentiai CWS documents.

Markets reach election peak

THE stock market crawled to a new record high yesterday in

quiet trading as investors awaited the election result. The FT-SE 100 closed up 9.0 points at 4,445.0 - after Wall Street's third consecutive day of gains. Volumes were slim with European exchanges closed for May Day and important US employment

data due today.

The market was unruffled by the purchasing managers index (PMI) survey for April which showed manufacturing activity rising for the eleventh consecutive month, although the strong pound is hurting export performance.

The pound also had a quiet day, slipping back slightly against the mark, to close down nearly a plenning at DM2.7912. Sterling's trade-weighted index declined from 100:1 to 99.7, but the pound gained slightly against the dollar to finish at \$1.6240 against \$1.6225.

The PMI survey, prepared by the Chartered Institute of a year.

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY Purchasing and Supply, found that manufacturers are increasingly relying on strong

sate for falling exports. The index showed overall activity rising slightly from 52.8 in March to 53.1. A figure of above 50 indicates an increase on the previous month. Output and overall new

orders also increased slightly. although at a slower rate than in March and below levels seen in the second half of last year. But the strong pound is also helping to keep the lid on factory gate inflation with the index of prices remained unchanged at 40.5.

Peter Thomson, directorgeneral of the CIPS, said that the survey indicated steady growth in the sector. He said the strong pound is stifling demand sufficiently to ward off inflationary pressures.

The survey is based on data

collected from 310 UK purchasing managers who collectively spend about £750 billion

New retail chief for WH Smith

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

WH SMITH yesterday named Beverley Hodson as its new head of retail, filling

the post vacated last month by Peter Bamford. Mrs Hodson, 45, who has worked at Boots and most recently was in charge of the Dolcis and Cable & Co shoe chains for Sears, will be charged with boosting the performance of WH Smith's main

high street cham. She will join the group's main board. The 400-strong high street chain is seen as the weakest part of the group, which under Bill Cockburn, chief executive, has embarked on a four-year recovery plan

after slumping into the red.

Mrs Hodson resigned from Sears on Wednesday and is expected to start at WH Smith next month. Jeremy Hardie, chairman, said: "Beverley has the per-fect blend of experience, skills and determination to take the business to the next stage of its development." Hodson's choice, page 31

BAA leading race for Melbourne

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

BAA, the airports operator, is set to emerge as the winner in the race for Melbourne airport, Australia's second-busiest airport, in a deal believed to be worth more than A\$1.3

billion (about £630 million). BAA, whose partners are AMP, the Australian fund manager, and Axiom, is expected to be revealed as the successful bickler by the Australian Government within

days.
The acquisition of Melbourne airport, which is being offered as a 50-year lease with the option of a further 49 years, is a key part of BAA's overseas expansion plans. The company has shown interest in other airports in Australia and has secured a share listing on the Australian stock exchange, BAA's stake in the Melbourne consortium was reduced from 49 to 29 per cent amid criticism that the Govemment seemed ready to sell the airport to a foreign bidder. The sale of Melbourne, Bris-

bane and Perth airports form

the first tranche of the Australian Government's massive A\$5 billion airport privatisation, which is expected eventually to include all 23 of the

country's airports. Another British consortium led by Manchester Airport and Serco, the UK facilities group, is believed to have been shortlisted for either Perth or Brisbane airports, while Aer Rianta, the Irish airports operator, is also still understood to

be in the running. Interest from British companies in the airport sell-off has prompted analysts in Australia to more than double their initial estimates of how much the sale process is likely to raise, with the first three airports now expected to raise a total of more than A\$3 billion for the Australian

BAA is also bidding for Bali airport in Indonesia in a consortium that again includes AMP and Axiom.

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Pep confusion for A&L shareholders request information on the Pep from subsequently asking for a share certifi-cate. This will prevent them from transferring the shares to a non-

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

CONFUSED Alliance & Leicester shareholders are wreaking havoc on the financial services industry just 12 days after the former building society's floration.

About 1.2 million A&L members opted to receive share certificates from the new bank. These enable them to transfer the shares into the tax-free shelter of a personal equity

However, thousands are failing to

A&L has returned 8 per cent of the applications received to date. Leading Pep managers such as Fidelity, Mercury Asset Management, Save & Prosper and John Govett have now had simplified application forms printed for windfall investors.

Towry Law, a national network of financial advisers, said that 90 per cent of its clients with windfall shares were making mistakes and Pep applications had to be delayed. Any delays could cost shareholders

the best benefits of transferring wind-

fall shares. Under Inland Revenue

free and not included in an individual's annual £9,000 Pep allowance. The A&L has given a warning that it wants Pep applications by May 27, three days ahead of the Revenue deadline, to give it some leeway for problem-shooting. Shares of A&L rose lp to 574p

yesterday. First dealings in the shares were at 533p last month. City expectations had been of an opening share price of about £5. Meanwhile, the Halifax has come

under fire from rival Pep managers over the single company Pep it intends to offer to its 8.5 million members when

industry standard. Payment in shares would deprive investors of a 20 per cent tax credit from the Revenue, but could save the society about £7 million a year in advance corporation tax (ACI).

Halifax Pep.

t floats in June. paid only in exceptional circumstances It is barring members who merely and to the benefit of shareholders.

sign the transfer form on the back of the certificate, or are incorrectly rules, the transfer has to be completed within 42 days of flotation if it is to be completing Pep application forms.

The Halifax denied it was trying to limit its ACT liability. Shares would be

It is also reserving the right to pay scrip dividends into the Pep in the form

shares, rather than cash, as is the

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Issues the new government must address

AN overflowing in-tray awaits the new government. Issues that had been put on hold during the election campaign must now be resolved. In every area of business, the new administration will shortly be making its impact, determining whether to allow massive takeover bids to proceed or founder, who should pay for government initiatives and. crucially, how relationships with Europe should evolve.

☐ INTEREST RATES: The Chancellor of the Exchequer is scheduled to meet Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, at the monthly monetary meeting next Wednesday. Should he accede to Mr George's repeated calls for

Labour has promised a mini-budget in July, and any rise now would have implications for that. Should an incoming Chancellor instead heed calls from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and the Institute of Fiscal Studies for tax rises rather than increased interest rates?

☐ PENSIONS: The big issue that surfaced during the election must now be near the top of both parties' action lists

☐ HOUSING: Moves to establish tribunals to resolve disputes between leaseholders and landlords have been on hold, Final not laid before the election. Labour has said it would institute a more fundamental reform of leasehold law, which would require more Parliamentary time.

☐ COMPETITION POLICY: Outstanding Monopolies Commission inquiries into the Bass takeover of Carlsberg-Tetley and P&O's link-up with Stennaneed a government ruling. Other inquiries, including planned insurance merganature into the pricing ers and an investigation into the pricing of domestic electrical goods are also in need of resolution. Both parties have indicated that competition policy is in need of reform. Labour had been keen to merge the Office of Fair Trading and the

Monopolies and Mergers Commission but now other options are being exam-ined by a team led by Lord Borrie.

UTILITIES: Labour plans to alter the legal regulatory frameworks that govern the utilities. The aim is to change the objectives of the regulators so as to give as much weight to consumers' interests as to the need to promote competition.

☐ TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Labour will have to move fast to put into place provisions that would allow BT, Cable and Wireless and the other cable companies to be freed from restrictions on supplying entertainment services on their networks. MEDIA: There is EU pressure to mean adding some level of VAT to cover prices of newspapers and magazines.

□ LATE PAYMENTS: Demand from small organisations for a statutory right to interest on late payments is strong. Labour has promised early legislation on

DEREGULATION: A red of red tape remains to be cut. Labour has said it would retain the task force that was set up by the Conservatives.

☐ EUROPE: Dehate during the election centred on the single currency but ministers are also faced with the need to

further the single market in terms of trade. With Britain taking over the Presidency of the European Union next January, there will be pressure for ministers to ensure that EU single market directives are fully implemented, and that "unfair" state aid or hidden barriers to cross-border trade are removed. The CBL under leader Adair Turner, has already agreed to form a working group to aid progress towards a genuine single market.

☐ ENERGY: A coherent energy policy is an early requirement for the new administration. Full competition in the electricity and gas industries is supposed

Party in power must give clear lead on retirement schemes

over pensions marked the final weeks of the election. But both parties' plans to improve the nation's provision for retirement remained ill-defined. Labour was easily able to attack the Tory plans for privatisation of the basic state pension as formulated by Peter Lilley.

The new Government must now tackle the problem of the low level of pension savings among millions of workers and act to resolve finally the personal pension scandal.

Although the British have Eo50 billion invested in company pension schemes, more than the rest of Europe put together, four out of ten adult workers have no pension provision other than the basic state pension.

Personal pensions launched in 1988 are designed for the self-employed and those in jobs without a pension. But their reputation has been stained by the mis-selling scandal. Between 1989 and 1992 some 500,000 workers were wrongly advised by insurance company salesmen to with superior benefits for personal pensions of lesser value.

The new Government must put pressure on insurance companies, company schemes PENSIONS

and the investor watchdogs to act together to ensure that long-delayed compensation is paid to victims.

It should also turn its attention to the 5 million other workers who left the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps) for personal pensions with the inducment of a small National Insurance rebate. More than 3 million do not add their own contributions to the rebate. The result is that those on low earnings receiving tiny National Insur-



Lilley: privatisation plan

gre pensions. The Government should compel insurance companies to contact each of these customers to inform them of the low level of their entitlement.

Personal pensions have been heavily criticised for their high charges, with as much as El out of every £4 invested going to pay commission and management charges. These deductions reduce the final payout.

Over the last year lowcharge plans have been launched by a number of groups but comparing the charges remains difficult, particularly for those attempting to arrange a pension without professional guidance. The Government must ensure that the disclosure of charges is further standardised.

In one recent example, Virgin Direct and Fleming pub-licly rowed over whose personal pension charges were lower. At the root of the argument lay the different treatment of charges for various types of investments. The Fleming plan, being based on covered by a different charging regime than the Virgin

ANNE ASHWORTH



Adair Turner, head of the CBI, wishes to see a genuine European single market

Windfall tax at centre of Labour's plans

THE windfall tax has been central to the election debate. It is crucial to Labour's strategy, providing the funds for its plans to fund a jobs programme for the young and long-term unemployed.

As Chancellor, Gordon Brown would aim to make the tax the centrepiece of his first Budget, and would be levied on the "excessive" profits of a range of privatised utilities, which have all had detailed discussions with Labour as to how it might operate.

The issue of a minimum wage is a major divider of the parties, Labour has

pledged to ask business leaders to. join a new Low Pay Commission to help it to set the level for its proposed statutory nat-

ional minimum wage. . As well as helping to alleviate low pay - especially for women - Labour insists that a national minimum wage, set sensibly, will lead to reduc-tions in the £4 billion now spent on in-work benefits like Family Credit, which ministers believe act as a taxpayers'

The Government would not be bound by the recommendations of the LPC since the

very low wages.

mum wage would be for the Cabinet to decide, though they accept that rejecting the commission's advice would lead to a loss of its credibility. But if a figure could be agreed, it could be included in the next Queen's Speech for implemen-

tation in 1998. The Government is likely to he facing tough demands from the public sector for pay increases, but Tony Blair has indicated that he would resist. Early indications of union pressures will come from the

annual conferences of some key trade unions, include the FBU firefighters in the week of the Queen's

PTC civil servants the week after next in Blackpool, and that of Unison, which opens in Brighton on June 9. Labour has said it would not

repeal much of the Conservatives' legislation on unions, including pre-strike ballots, but it would favour the setting of minimum employment standards by companies and their workforces acting in partnership. In support of this it would make early moves to sign up to the European social chapter, setting down some minimum job standards.

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makers, performers and contributors won an unrivalled

array of 22 awards. Congratulations to them all.



Public appreciation of the BBC's unique range of television programmes was echoed by the professional votes of this year's BAFTA juries — in the British equivalent of the Oscars. BBC programme

The economists who would steer Brown's Budget debut

IT IS not only the politicians whose jobs are put in the balance by an Election. Some top economists could find themselves out of office overnight, and that new breed, the regulators, may also find their job prospects affected by the vote. Gordon Brown has said he would reform the Treasury, making it more accountable and less personal than under

the previous Government. Sir Terence Burns, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, looks safe, although Sir Alan Budd, chief economics adviser, has hinted that he will leave when his contract expires in the autumn. Eddie George has another year of his term to run as Governor of the Bank and Mr Brown would be unlikely to want to damage his inflationbattling credentials by engineering what would be seen as a

politically inspired coup. But Labour has said it will create new posts within the Bank and the Treasury to improve the quality of independent advice. The Treasury's panel of independent economic advisers, the "wise men", would quickly be replaced by a USstyle Council of Economic Advisers to the Chancellor. At the Bank. Mr Brown has said he would broaden the monetary policy commmittee by seconding three or four outsiders.

Deputy Governor, alongside Howard Davies, to begin the division of the Bank's monetary policy and regulation

Gavyn Davies (see below) is the only current "wise man" certain to be offered a role under Labour. But Martin Weale, director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, has earned respect for his forecasting skills, while Bridget Rosewall, director of Business Strategies, could be offered a position at the Bank because of her expertise on regional mat-

ters. Roger Bootle, head of

economics at HSBC, is the

author of a treatise on the

death of inflation and would

offer an interesting counter-blast on the inflation debate

Congdon, director of Lombard

Street Research, would almost

certainly prove politically un-

acceptable due to his unrecon-

structed monetarist views.

Kate Barker, head of econom-

ics at the CBI, is likely to feel

compromised by the more

intimate relationship Labour

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movern and shakers

Gavyn Davies: The Chief. International Economist at Goldman Sachs is tipped as a future Governor of the Bank of England. He is respected in the City for his pragmatic approach to the economy. Mr Davies, 46, served in the policy unit at No 10 in the dying days of the Callaghan -Government while his wife, Sue Nye, is head of Mr Brown's office. A lucrative City career has made him a millionaire. Richard Layard: Professor

Layard, 61, is an adviser to the

Russian Government and a

Professor at London School of

Economics school of economic

performance. He flirted brief-

ly with the SDP in the 1980s

but is now back in the Labour

fold, serving on the institute of

Public Policy Research's busi-

ness commission and author

of a Brown-endorsed book

What Labour Can Do. A

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Derek Scott: Served as a

Economic Advisers. . . .

ing the Swindon seat in 1983 and 1987. Mr Scott, 50, has enjoyed a profitable career in the City and is head of the European Economics Division at BZW: He is married to Elinor Goodman, political edi-tor at Channel Four. Since returning to Labour he has become economics adviser to Mr Blair and has been trying to find a safe Labour seat. Another candidate for giving official advise.

the SDP, unsuccessfully fight-

John Kay: Professor Kay is the man credited with introducing the word "stakeholder" to the Blair vocabulary. He is Professor at Oxford University's new School of Management Studies and chairman of London Economics, the forecasting group. Another former SDP man, his knowledge of competition-related issues will be crucial.

Ed Bails: Gordon Brown's 30year old economic adviser could become the youngest senior Treasury figure since 1945. Mr Balls, educated at Oxford and Havard, has worked at Mr Brown's office for several years. Mr Balls has been tipped as head of the Treasury's new policy unit.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

Terms of reference could change but holders remain

THE regulators who rule over wide tranches of British industry are not political appointments — in theory. Not all of them, however, would be Labour's choice

But their immediate replacement may prove difficult. Many have several more years of their individual contacts still to run.

They are generally ap-pointed by the relevant Secretary of State, and those contracts contain catch-all phrases that relate to the circumstances under which they can be dismissed from

"Incapacity or misbehav-iour" is the normal form of words, although this formulaaction. Labour is unlikely to move immediately against most of the regulators but will

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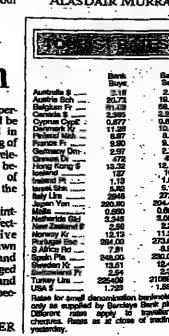
wait for their normal terms of office to expire and then replace them with more favoured appointments.

The new Government does, however, have two changes planned. The first is a redrawing of the terms of reference

under which they will operate, "Customer issues" will be promoted to stand equal in importance to the widening of competition within the relevant industries that had become the main drive of utilities regulation under the Conservatives.

The second is the appointment of advisers, acting effectvely as non-executive directors, who will be drawn from business leaders and other lay people and charged with providing advice and moral support to their respec-

MARTIN WALLER



☐ Windfall tax' could blow towards bonuses ☐ Fitting climax for ING chief ☐ Ecclestone deserves some reward for pole position

TONY BLAIR'S new Labour has been at pains to protest its enthusiasm and understanding for business. Despite the rounds of City lunches that his team has undergone, the party may be har-bouring less sympathy for the City and those who work in it.

Tales of massive City bo-nuses, six-figure signing on lees, and 22 carat golden handcuffs have almost certainly permeated beneath the skin of new Labour. The numbers involved make industrial fat cats look painfully undernourished. The outcry which greated the salary of the unfortunate Cedric Brown during his days at British Gas seems positively mis-placed when viewed in the light of what a bright young bond dealer is likely to be collecting, let alone the rewards of being a corporate financier in a top merchant bank

Just as Dick Giordano, of British Gas, cited market forces as the reason why a formerly lowly remunerated gasman should find himself catapulted on to the rich list, so the City. firms maintain that they must compete to win quality staff, and the prime area of competition is

Even Martin Taylor, the aes-thetic chief of Barclays Bank, has had to reconcile himself to this argument, and has allowed BZW

Not the party for the fat cats game with alacrity. Yet these inflated City salaries have to be funded, and, eventually, it is customers who inevitably pay

Companies have long be-mouned the level of fees which can accompany the simplest of transactions but there are signs that they start to rebel. The extraordinary tradition which held that the charges for raising capital by rights issue should be the same, no matter which finance houses were involved, is now giving way to the more fashionable concept of com-

The dehate that inspired this change has helped to encourage some critics of the City to venture their views publicly.

Niall Fitzgerald, the Unilever chief, recently let forth a public tirade against the charges that the City levies. He has found many supporters for his views, John Hoerner, the Americanborn chief executive of Burton

Group, has taken an eloquent stance on the subject, doing away with having a merchant bank on permanent call as an adviser.

to funding City fat cats, one can only imagine the attitude that certain members of the Blair team might take to the sums that are involved. And the temptation there must be to try to do

something about it.
Labour may be pledged not to alter personal tax rates, but there are almost certainly some in the parliamentary party who would like to see a version of windfall tax blowing towards bonuses. And the latest debacle over CWS has hardly helped the cause of those who would argue that merchant banks and brokers are an honourable breed, earning an

Bowing out on a high note?

. THE reign of Aad Jacobs as chairman of ING comes to an end next year. A successful conclusion to the present talks to buy Dillon Read, the US investment banking boutique, would be a fitting climax to a long career in banking and insurance.

When Mr Jacobs first hove

ing of a weak outlook for crude oil prices and refining mar-

gins. Shell's earnings fell 5 per cent to £1.55 billion on a

current cost basis in spite of a

boost in upstream profits from

oil stocks to rise because of

production increases from

OPEC, including the Iraqi oil-for-food sales, and from non-Opec producers, principally the North Sea. The oil com-pany indicated that demand

remained strong, but that

ter of 1995. Shell's tax charge

cent on a current cost basis to £519 million. Chemical profits

were up 12 per cent to £184

million and group return on

capital employed slipped from

13.2 to 11.8 per cent.

Shell is expecting worldwide

higher oil prices.

PENNINGTON



into the City's view he was the man who had returned from a jog one Sunday morning in February 1995 to hear on the wireless that Barings was in trouble and likely to crash.

Mr Jacobs immediately summoned a top-level team to formulate a plan he had had in mind for some time.

Not long before the crash, he had lunch at Barings and mentioned, just casually of course, that should the merchant bank ever need a friendly shareholder, ING could be that friend.

As we now know, Mr Jacobs beat the opposition, including ABN Amro, a rival Dutch bank, to buy Barings for £1 in return for footing what was then a still unquantified black hole. It has been far from plain sailing since

that morning jog.

Many disgruntled institutions were left holding various bits of Barings paper with little prospect of getting their money back, although that may soon be resolved, and vowing never to do business with ING Barings

Restoring the battered Barings name has taken time and even now the asset management arm is still struggling. But in other areas, the integration of the diverse ING/Barings interests. such as emerging markets and UK corporate finance, are finally

beginning to gel.

What could put the seal on the banking and insurance group's long-term strategy is a successful outcome of negotiations to buy Dillon Read. Again this was part of the Barings portfolio bought by ING and which Mr Jacobs now hopes to turn to his advantage.

A successful conclusion to

the negotiations with Dillon Read will not yet put ING up there alongside JP Morgan, Merrill Lynch or Morgan

What it will do, however, is to put the larger banking brethren on notice: "Big is not always beautiful or even best."

A tricky formula for Formula One

☐ IN THE motor racing industry, the prospect that Bernie Ecclestone might raise £2.5 billion from floating Formula One meets a rather less enthusiastic response than the Co-op gave to Andrew Regan. The manufac-turers argue that it is their drivers in their cars that win Formula One its huge television audiences, not Mr Ecclestone. But Ecclestone has created

demand for the sport by marketing, negotiation of TV contracts and an iron control of its intellectual property. He deserves to profit from his efforts. The problem Salomon Brothers has in trying to float the business is finding a long-term value for this

If the teams, the drivers and the track owners worked to-gether efficiently, they could reduce the value of Ecclestone's business to virtually nothing. That seems an unlikely prospect. The battle over the Concorde agreement - which divides up TV money among the teams - shows the problems. More will surface as TV companies move to show Formula One one on a payper-view basis, so reducing the exposure enjoyed by the sponsors of the racing teams.

Yet while the internecine strife provides a profitable role for Ecclestone's negotiating skills, it poses problems for those trying to draft the prospectus for Formula One. The chances of a float before the end of this summer's racing season now seem slim. And if Salomon can find a way of encapsulating Formula One's eccentricities in a prospectus, they will face even greater prob-lems in justifying that £2.5

On the chain gang

☐ BILL COCKBURN is a marketing man at heart, and no doubt he did a fine job of selling the post of retail managing director of WH Smith to his new recruit. But when its two subsidiaries are better at selling both books and musthan the main chain, no one should underestimate the task she faces. It is unlikely to be made any easier by Mr Cockburn's apparent confidence that he knows exactly what needs to be done.

City set

for junk

bonds

launch

THE new owner of the BBC's domestic trans-

mission system is set to

become the City's first ster-

ling issuer of US-style junk

Castle Transmission

Services, the American-led

consortium that paid £240 million for the BBC trans-

mitters in February, is to raise £100 million in junk

bonds in several weeks. CS

First Boston and JP Mor-

gan, the underwriters, believe the Castle deal will

trigger a flurry of similar

issues as British and European companies look for

more flexible financing

"More US financing tech-

niques are being applied in

Europe. We will see the

development of a deeper

Junk bonds are Wall

Street's term for high-yield

debt — debt that is below

triple-A investment grade.

junk bond market here.

Shell urged to tighten policies on environment

BY CARL MORTISHED

SEVERAL of Shell's largest shareholders are considering a vote in favour of a resolution requesting the oil multinational to tighten up its environ-

The resolution, which has the backing of church and ethical funds accounting for less than I per cent of the shares of Shell Transport & Trading, is being considered. by leading insurance com-panies. At least two institufavourably on the resolution. Shell, which yesterday suf-

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fered a setback in its firstquarter earnings, is tighting a propaganda battle with a number of environmental groups that claim the oil company operates double standards in relation to the environment between the developed and developing world. The all company is publishing its first group environmental review on Tuesday, but environmentalists insist the company needs an external audit tions are believed to be looking and will be lobbying big shareholders next week.

supply growth would exceed Shell yesterday gave warn-Shell's profits from oil and gas exploration were up 9 per cent to £996 million in the three months to March, but oil

production was static and gas volumes slipped 5 per cent.
Shell's Nigerian operations
were affected by fighting between rival communities.
Since the start of the year Shell

has lost 630,000 barrels of oil production, mainly in its Western Division. A rising tax charge exacer-bated the fall in current cost earnings as did a special credit of £90 million in the first quar-

rose from 41 to 51 per cent in Sir Colin told shareholdthe last quarter as more profits were earned in countries with tighter fiscal regimes. Oil prices helped the results, with the average price per barrel of oil sold increasing \$2.60 to \$21.20 in the first three months of the year. However, refining margins in the Far East fell from \$4.60 to \$3 per barrel, causing refining and marketing profits to slide I per

T&N said its automotive business continued to strengthen, particularly in America although the French car industry was experiencing difficulty. T&N shares rose 2p on the statement to 1352p.



Wickes sees pick-up in trading

WICKES, the do-it-yourself chain that recently emerged from an accounting scandal, yesterday that trading had picked up in recent weeks and was particularly strong

over the Easter period. Michael von Brentano,

meeting that same store sales were 14 per cent ahead in the 17 weeks to April 26. Easter saw an 18 per cent improvement in same store sales over last year. He added: "The exceptional good weather and an improving housing market have been beneficial." Mr von phasis on offering customers good value as a reason for the

Wickes said on Wednesday that it had sold its continental European chain to Bricorama, a French company, for about £7.5 million.

Selling all of Wickes's over-

recovery package agreed ers after the uncovering last year of irregularities in its buying department that had been going on for at least three years. The Serious Fraud Office is now

The bonds generally pay double-digit interest rates to compensate for their higher risk. They are popular in the US because their covenants are less restrictive than bank debt and they come typically with long maturities.

Castle's junk bonds are technically senior unse-cured bonds. Probably they will carry an interest rate of 9.5 per cent and mature in ten years. The maturity date coincides with the expiry of the BBC's transmission contract with the Castle transmission system.

The consortium consists of Castle Tower Corporation, a US transmission tower construction company; Berkshire Parmers. a Boston investment firm: Candover Investments, of Britain; and France

T&N warning on strong pound

SIR COLIN HOPE, chair- programmes along with the man of T&N, the automotive components group, told the annual meeting of the current year. He said that a high level

of restructuring charges flowing from essential cost reduction and efficiency



Hope: constraints

strong pound would con-

He said that the company had allocated about £50 million to its new asbestos liability fund, well ahead of its original

ers that sales volumes were in line with expectations, confirming some recovery in its heavy duty and indus-trial markets. He also said that the year had "started on an encouraging note, with our operating performance edging ahead of last year and margins on an improving trend".

Fidelity Brokerage gets £200,000 fine

the retail stockbroker, has been fined £200,000 by a City watchdog for administrative chaos that affected customers last year. Fidelity must also pay costs of £162,500, but the company is now free to take on new business again (Adam Jones writes).

Fidelity had been banned from accepting new clients by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) last October after hundreds of complaints from investors. Many dividend cheques had been de-layed after the introduction of a new computer system went wrong, causing accounting and reconciliation problems.

Fidelity admitted to the regulator that it had not properly planned for the additional strain created by a simultaneous drive for new business. It is estimated that the company lost £30 million because of the ban. The SFA said that was taken into account when assessing the

Andersen Worldwide votes against split

Worldwide, the group that includes Arthur Andersen and Andersen Consulting, have voted against splitting the

company (Adam Jones writes).
There had been speculation that friction between the two groups might lead to the spinoff of Andersen Consulting. The management consultant is growing by 25 per cent a year, twice as fast as Arthur Andersen, the accountant, which has its own consultancy arm. At a meeting held in Paris,

together. The meeting capped 18 months of discussion over the company's direction. An-dersen Worldwide revenues are expected to top \$11 billion this year. Yesterday. Arthur Andersen announced its Leeds office had won the contract for internal

keep the global organisation

auditing at Asda, the supermarket chain. The contract is thought to be worth a little less than £10 million over five

APV approached by second bidder

By OLIVER AUGUST

looks set to become the target of a takeover battle after the second "indication of interest", prompting a further sharp increase in the share price.

The first potential bidder made itself known to APV on Tuesday. Yesterday the board announced: "It is not clear at this stage if either of the current approaches will or will not lead to an offer for the company." The shares closed up 5p at 92p. Bids are expected to be around

the 100p mark, valuing the company at about £297 million.

The identity of the bidders is not known, but the City has identified a number of possibilities. They include Eurotherm. Tomkins, GEA of Germany. Tetra Pak of Sweden and Sasib of Italy, GEA had denied it was behind Tuesday's announcement but made no comment

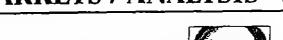
yesterday. Siebe, a previous bidder for APV, has made no formal statement but is not thought to be in the race.

APV, the engineering group, investigate APV share purchases that took place on Tuesday when sizeable orders were rushed through before the first bid announcement. A spokeswoman said: "We automatically look at all unusual share price movements. If any action needs to be taken, the company will be told about it, but we don't make any public announcements."

APV said it will keep shareholders informed of developments, but declined to comment further. Fleming Investment Management dis-closed yesterday that it had bought 1.4 million APV shares, taking its holding to 9 million shares or 2.99 per cent of the total capital.

Turnover in the shares returned to normal yesterday after hectic trading on Tuesday. Some 12 million changed hands compared with 15 million after the first announcement. The share price has underperformed the market by 30 per cent in the past year.







MICHAEL CLARK

PowerGen sells off fina stake in National Grid

HEAVY numover was recorded in National Grid after PowerGen decided to offload its remaining stake in the company on the market.

National Grid ended firmer at 224 ap as UBS, the broker, placed a line of 16.48 million shares, or almost 1 per cent of the £3.8 billion company, with various institutions

PowerGen acquired the shares along with Midland Electricity. It is believed to have made a profit on the transaction of about £3 million. A spokesman at National Grid refused to confirm the identity of the seller, but confirmed that PowerGen was on the share register. PowerGen finished dearer at 65312p. A total of 35 million National Grid shares were traded.

The other electricity companies closed mixed, with worries persisting about the impact of a proposed windfall tax on profitability. Northern Ireland Energy, which was ordered to cut prices by 25 per cent earlier this week. firmed another 1p to 401p, while British Energy added 3½p at 134½p. National Power closed 1p lighter at 532½p.

Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, has been telling clients that worries relating to windfall rax have been overdone and that any weakness in share prices should be seen as a buying opportunity.

NatWest Securities has taken a similar view, particularly with the power generators such as PowerGen and National Power. It has told clients that share prices now fully discount the windfall and that the strong cashflows generated by these companies should allow them to absorb the

The rest of the equity market saw early Wall Street inspired gains halved, with investors waiting anxiously as so, the FT-SE 100 index still managed to post a nine-point rise to end the day at a new closing high of 4,445.0. Trading conditions proved thin, with just 749 million shares

Monument Oil & Gas eased 12p to 87p as a line of five million shares went through the market at 8634p. A total of 12.42 million shares were traded.

Newcomer Alliance & Leicester firmed lp to a new peak of 574p. A City research

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Barrie Stephens, left. and Allen Yurko. of Siebe, up 512p

firm believes that Mercury Asset Management has begun to build up a sizeable stake in the company, at least as high as 6 per cent. However, any holding over 3 per cent would have to be disclosed.

GKN firmed 2p to 95312p as the City continued to reflect on this week's acquisition of Sinter Metals of Cleveland, Ohio, for £352 million. We should

formal agreement with Abbot Laboratories.

Siebe, Britain's biggest en-gineering group headed by Barrie Stephens, chairman, and Allen Yurko, chief executive, will be hoping next week to repair some of the recent damage to its flagging share price. Last night it closed 512p firmer at 917p, having dropped from around the Ell

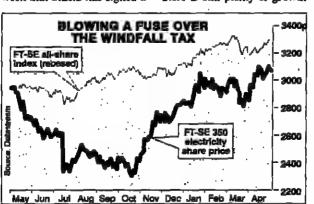
Alliance Resources returned from suspension steady at 60p after a 40-for-one consolidation in shares of the oil exploration group. Jak Keenan, the American oilman, has been brought in to revive the company. Alliance has the backing of Bank of America and the Mannai Corporation.

hear today that Credit Lyonnais Laing has already "significantly" upgraded its profits forecast for 1998-99.

Shield Diagnostics firmed 2'1p to 445p, but the bears appear still to have the upper hand. UBS, the company's new broker, is expected to produce a bullish report on the company within the next few weeks. We should hear next week that Shield has signed a

level since the start of the year after some bearish comments from a number of brokers. including Collins Stewart and

NatWest Securities. Next week Siebe will be taking part in a major control engineering conference in the US that will also be attended by rivals Emerson Electronic and Honeywell. Brokers say Siebe will stress the point that there is still plenty of growth



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thereby confounding some of the bear stories that have plagued the group.

Even so, City sources confirm that the group is looking to make a sizeable acquisition and has already set its sights on a potential target. Foxboro in the US has been perhaps its most successful deal to date. A fresh wave of speculative buying saw APV touch 9612p before settling 5p better at 92p after it emerged that a second suitor had appeared on the scene. This has led to suggestions that a battle for control of the company may be about to erupt. The growing list of suitors includes Sasib, the Italian baking equipment group, Tetra Pak of Sweden back home, Tomkins, 213p better at 269p, and Eurotherm, 112p cheaper at

Reuters raced up 25p to 6591 ap after a presentation for institutional investors in New York at which the group gave a run-down of its 3000 com-

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Tadpole Technology returned from suspension 812p lower at 15p after securing yet more funding to keep it alloat. The troubled computer systems and components group has raised £2.5 million.

A profits warning left Utility Cable 512p down at 1212p. The company says profits this year will not match earlier expectations and placed a questionmark over the full-year

Celltech climbed 25p to 590p in a thin market that saw a hefty 2.43 million shares traded. Word is that Cazenove, the broker, led the buying. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices

made headway on the back of firmer US Treasury bonds. which were galvanised by the latest National Association of Purchasing Managers' Index. This showed no sign of fresh inflationary pressures.

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Time to dip into oil?

spending money in the shops. Sales have stopped falling, but they have yet to

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A new store concept is to

LOOKING for a safe home for your cash under a Labour government? Big oil stocks could be the answer. The shares of companies such as BP and Shell are not looking cheap. but a market waiting for windfall taxes and interest rate rises will be looking for a haven and there are good reasons to consider international oil shares.

A dip in Shell's first-quarter profits is not a concern. The profits came in slightly ahead of most expectations - the downturn from the first quarter of 1996 was a function of higher taxes and predictably weak refining margins in the Far East. Shell's gas volumes also declined, an expected consequence of warm weather. Of more concern is Shell's capital expenditure, which still remains at a low level and fell 7 per cent from the first quarter of last year. That compares with the continuing surge in cashflow, which is up 2 per cent and leaves Shell with a balance sheet ever more bloated with cash.

That opens the door to special dividends. should Shell have the courage to oblige. There are other reasons to buy the stock. The dearer pound is clobbering the competitive edge of domestic manufacturers, whereas hig oil earns its money overseas. The utilities look like a busted flush and while pharmaceuticals and financial shares are seen as defensive. they have both had a very strong run. Shell's overcapitalised balance sheet suggests low growth, but the company is targeting 7 per cent compound growth in oil output. Moreover, the strength of its balance sheet could be a plus if the market loses some of its upward momentum. Shares with low volatility, like Shell, tend to outperform in bear markets.

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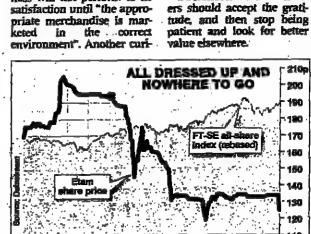
The board also tells us that

Etam

ETAM IS running out of excuses. The current management has been in place for two years, more than enough time to diagnose the iliness plaguing this retailer and prescribe a cure. The market, at least, is working in Etam's favour - Oasis French Connection and Next are doing fine.

Instead, Etam confesses that its merchandise has not been up to scratch, a damaging admission for a clothing retailer. The company says that its much-hailed advertising campaign, using the very expensive services of Jerry Hall, Marie Helvin and Lesley Ash, is "enhancing brand awareness". But is it enhancing sales?

The current evidence sugests that Jerry Hall is not the face that launches thousands of Etam shoppers into



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National Express

AFTER slicing up this country's privatised transport network, Britain's new bus e table at nzv in the bus comcest morill off the

press, a more timid creature, with an anonymous partner Playing away, the rules will be different. Britain's bus operators reckon they have bus privatisation down pat.

but this will not be enough. European governments will be wary of giving away national assets. Moreover, cost-cutting has been the major driver behind profits growth in the UK industry. Bus operators may find the

DOLLAR RATES

cost of redundancies on the Continent leaves less scope for improving operational gearing. Stagecoach's reputation as an aggressive cost-cutter will hardly endear it to

our European neighbours. National Express, by contrast, has chosen a local partner who knows the ground and can boast that it has successfully taken over rail companies.

To every company in this deal-driven sector, moving abroad is the only option with nothing left at home. at the shore, National Express shares — still at a sharp discount to Stagecoach have further to go.

Reports from Australia sug-gest that BAA is finally about to turn its international ambitions into reality. The company has been pursuing international investments for years but has had little to show for it. A contract to manage the Pittsburgh airport mall and another to run the Indianapolis airport system is a mere bagatelle compared to BAA's UK invest-

Nevertheless, this year, the company might be able to add three new investments. In addition to Melbourne, the company is negotiating a deal in Bali, an airport in a tourist location which is likely to provide BAA with the retailing opportunities that it so eagerly covers. Nearer home BAA is pursuing Naples airprogress over the next few

> Progress in the international arena is vital for BAA. more so as the delays to Terminal 5 risk stifling growth in its core market at home. BAA has had to slash its perticipation in the Melbourne consortium to satisfy nationalists and get the deal done. But with the door open, more opportunities should follow.

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Who wins when railways close?

From Mr J.G. Mordue Sir, Perhaps there is a third scenario to add to the two offered by Pennington

("Collision course", April 8) for the future of the

inefficient train operators will be penalised financial

ly. They will then have reduced resources from

which to maintain the spec-

ified levels of service, so the

level of service provided

will be further reduced. A

point will be reached at

which it can be argued that the subsidy would be better

spent, on road improvements than on rail services,

for which demand will

have been supposedly proved to be inadequate.

That will provide a strong

political argument for the

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Where there is a political

argument, always look for

those who will benefit from

a proposed course of ac-tion. Who will benefit from

large-scale railway clo-

sures? Answer: the share-

holders in Railtrack, which

will be able to sell valuable

sites in key positions. That

expectation is evidently the

reason for the high stock market price of Railtrack. Other beneficiaries will

naturally be bankers, ac-

countants and property

dealers, all well represent-

ed in the party that devised

the privatisation system for

the railways: On the basis

of the old adage that a man

is presumed to intend the

natural consequences of

his actions, we can now see

the reason for the other-

wise incomprehensible sys-

tem that was chosen.

Yours faithfully,

J.G. MORDUE,

Gresham House.

Watford, Herts.

53 Clarendon Road.

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Committees Chairman's

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Electricity Consumers

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Yours faithfully,

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Labour must soften sterling to avoid devaluation later

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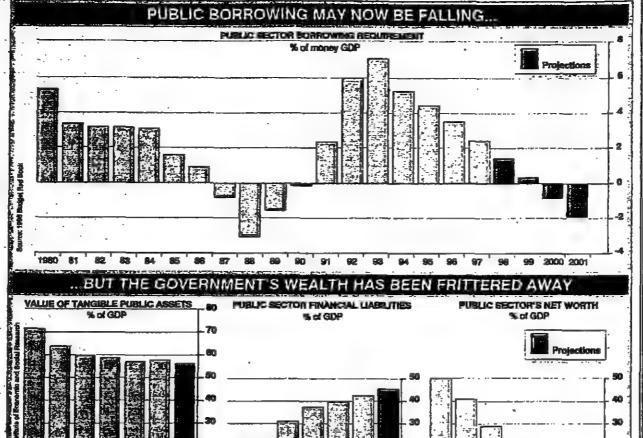
can be eased

nly one thing now stands between Britain and its first successful Labour Government since 1945. That obstacle is the pound sterling. Tony Blair, like every previous Labour Prime Minister in British history, is threatened from his very first day in office by a malignant hardness of the pound. Unless Mr Blair does something about this economic cancer - and does it fast - his Government will be destroyed by the inevitable humiliating devaluation. This is what happened to Ramsay MacDonald in 1931, to Attlee in 1949, to Wilson in 1967 and to Callaghan in 1976.

The question is whether Mr Blair can overcome this obstacle and prove that Labour has finally learnt to live in a world of freely convertible curren-cies, deregulated financial markets and floating exchange rates. The way he could prove this is quite clear. The new Government must create the conditions for an immediate fall in the pound. By putting in place the policies now that will gradually drive. down the pound, the Government can pre-empt the much bigger devaluation that will otherwise become inevitable in one or two years' time. By then a devaluation would do infinitely more damage, both from a political and an eco-

nomic point of view. The political advantages of getting the currency deprecia-tion over and done with are obvious. The economic case for devaluing early is also compelling. A fall in the pound would raise import prices. If this jump in prices occured today, while unemployment is still high and job security is still precarious, it would not produce an inflationary wageprice spiral. But if the Government waited for markets to trigger a devaluation after another year or two of rapid economic growth, the inflationary impact on wages would be much more serious. In a few years' time there would also be more danger of the pound overshooting on the way down and thereby injecting a further dose of inflation, since by then the present equilibrium in the balance of payments would probably be replaced by a large deficit caused by the overvalued

For these reasons (and many others which there is no space to list) the new Chancellor should pose one question above all others to his Treasury officials and the Bank of England this weekend: what can we do to bring down the pound? The answer to this question is perfectly clear. If Gordon Brown's advisers tell



him that it isn't, he should get

strategy is required. First, the Chancellor must disappoint the market expectation that interest rates will rise sharply after the election. Secondly, he must raise taxes. Thirdly, he must make clear that his economic policies will be designed specifically to achieve a more competitive exchange-rate. Let me start from the last

point. By expressing his desire for a lower pound and backing it up with some Bank of England currency intervention. Mr Brown could send an immediate signal to currency traders to start taking the big profits that they have built up by buying the pound. Such jawboning and intervention would not work for very long on its own. But combined with the market expectation of appropriate measures on interest rates and taxes, a warning from Mr Brown could have a big effect on market psychology. Just as importantly, Mr Brown would be making clear to the British public that the imminent decline of the pound was a positive response to deliberate government policy and was something to be welcomed, not treated as a humiliating speculative "at-tack". If only John Major had bothered to explain to the people the benefits of a competitive exchange rate after White Wednesday, the Tories

might still be in power.
Turning to monetary policy, Mr Brown's opportunity to act could come as early as Wednesday, when he holds his first monthly meeting with Eddie George. A quarter-point increase in base rates at this meeting is a foregone conclu-

sion. The Bank has been callthen, Mr Brown should start to explain why higher taxes will ing for such a move since Christmas. It has been right to be necessary and why they are compatible with Labour's elecdo so, despite the strength of the pound. Those parts of the tion promises. economy not exposed to the

He must make clear that taxes are not rising because of Labour's eagerness to spend public money. Taxes must rise first and foremost to control inflation in a way that does the least possible damage to British industry and long-term prospects for growth, investrestraining demand primarily through taxes, instead of high interest rates and an overval ued nound. A secondary reason. for higher taxes is to reduce public borrowing in the long term after a rake's progress under the last government. It has seen the net worth of the public sector fall from 49.8 per cent of gross domestic product in 1990 to 11 per cent today. This shocking decline in public wealth, equivalent to some £5,000 for every man woman and child in Britain, is eloquently discussed in this week's National Institute Review, but it is only a secondary reason for

wanting to raise taxes. How, finally, can Mr Brown justify an increase in taxes after the promises made in the election campaign? The answer, again, is very easily. He can emphasise that the promises made were extremely narrow. Both Labour and Tory front benches deliberately confined their promises to tax rates, rather than overall levels of revenue because they knew perfectly well that changes in the tax structure to raise more money might be needed after the election. In this sense both sides have fought an honest and self-restrained campaign which has been a credit to

many options open, there are now plenty of tax-raising possibilities for Mr Brown to explore. The most attractive, both from the economic and political point of view, would be the complete abolition of mortgage interest relief and advance corporation tax, raising £6 billion to £7 billion between them. In the weeks ahead there will be plenty of time to minuses of these and other options. The main thing at this stage is that Mr Brown should recognise the challenge of steering Britain towards a better balanced economic policy and should respond to it without

If Mr Brown does what is necessary to tighten fiscal poli-cy and curb sterling, the new Labour Government will have every chance of achieving its goals in the five years ahead. But if Mr Brown misses his chance, he will end up like every previous Labour Chancellor — just an adjective ap-pended to a national humiliation in the currency markets.

WH Smith pins its hopes on Hodson's choice

Sarah Cunningham on the woman with the task of restoring a retailer's fortunes

everley Hodson has accepted one of the most difficult WH Smith still has a place on most high streets but it has lost its place in the public's affections. It will be her job as head of WH Smith Retail to reverse the declining fortunes.

For all its prestige the job has a reputation for being chalice and both her most recent predecessors have made hasty exits. Peter Troughton left in 1995 after the first of two profit warnings that year, while Peter Bamford, his successor, left last month, just one year into a four-year recovery programme.

Mrs Hodson, 45, has spent most of her career with Boots, a retailer whose high street success WH Smith would love to emulate. In her 18 years there she was buying and marketing controller, responsible for the beauty business. She also successfully relaunched Soltan, its own-brand sun-

tan products and other own-brand products such as hosiery and photographic goods. later headed Children's World.

Bill Cockburn, chief executive, believes ideal ence. and WH Smith are

very similar," he says. "This is a critically important retail job. The vital ingredient had to be deep-rooted ownbrand development. She has considerable credentials in

The actual strategy for the high-street chain, he says, is established. What he was looking for is someone to execute it.

The Cambridge-educated Mrs Hodson left Boots when Children's World was sold to the Storehouse group. Her job effectively disappeared and she went to Sears, where she has been

running Dolcis and Cable & Co, the two more successful shoe chains left in the group. With this week's news that David James, a company doctor, has been bought in to run the Sears shoe busi-

ness, Mrs Hodson must

have realised there was a danger of her job disappearing again. Both Dolcis and Cable & Co are likely to be sold or merged into Sears's

The job she is taking is quite different to the one that Mr Bamford left just three weeks ago. WH Smith Retail is being reorganised; Mrs Hodson will not run the 100 or so railway and airport shops, which have been hived off into another division. At the same time. logistics and distribution has been separated and will report to another director, Richard Handover. Her responsibility will be the chain of 400 high street shops. Something else that has

changed is that although Mrs Hodson will go on the Smith main board, she will also find that Mr Cockburn has installed himself as head of the retail board. Mr Cockburn has bound-

less ambitions for WH Smith outlets, which he has said could become "cerebral supermarkets". The number of products - particularly the

books range - has been cut, but items snacks and a wider range of children's goods have intro71 (Black)

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duced. The strategy may be in place, but not everyone is as

convinced as Mr Cockburn right one. Hodson: high street focus Certaintly the results have not shown the benefit yet.

Halfway through the current financial year, while group pre-lax profits were much improved at £38.6 million from £17.3 million a year earlier, like-for-like sales at WH Smith Retail were only 1.5 per cent ahead. By contrast, Waterstone's, its bookshop arm, had 9 per cent higher sales.

The market gave Mrs Hodson a modest welcome yesterday, with the shares rising 75p to 4655p. But, as with the arrival of Mr Cockburn from his job as chief executive at the Post Office, the view is that she is not particularly well known as a retailer. Mr Cockburn promises that when she arrives, probably next month, she will "hit the ground running fast". She will not have any choice.

Tarzan amok

pound.

IF, AS revealed in this news-paper, Michael Heseltine's own personal chicken run leads him to GEC, there could be an interesting few months ahead in the boardroom. It seems the of carefully choreographed entrity between the putative rage in which the President of enmity between the putative next chairman of GEC and George Simpson, chief executive, runs even deeper than one of GEC's submarines.

It all goes back to January, when Simpson was one of a group of business leaders that put their name to Promoting Prosperity, a worthy docu-



Who won the election Miss Philpott, and what are we going to do about it?"

ment turned out by the Commission on Public Policy and British Business and launched at a conference attended by Tony Blair. In one of those fits the Board of Trade specialises, . Hezza gatecrashed the conference and accused them all of being political dupes. Simpson came in for particular stick. By the evening news bulletins, Hezza's spite had become more personal still; he daimed Simpson had nothing to do with the writing of the pamphlet. Insiders say Simp-son has not forgotten. Neither has Hezza, especially if he decides that a Labour victory has anything to do with certain turncoats in the business community. Boys, please.

BRITAIN'S answer to Shirley Maclaine, Lynne Franks. pops up on European Business News next week wittering on about her unique business skills. This self-styled "futurist claims to be bored with the past, which is probably why she has rewritten much of it. She is now working on a new book about her "psychic business sense". She also re-



veals, alarmingly, that she will be preaching about her spiritual rebirth in Switzerland next week to 35 Chinese women, who have apparently never met a foreigner before. In which case they are going to end up with some very strange ideas about Western women.

Ring my bell

AS IF to prove that management consultants are indeed taking over the world, yet another has announced a push into the UK. The latest is Roland Berger & Partner, a German consultancy fresh from overseeing the Wirtschaftswunder that is that country's economy at present.

Ian Hay Davison, ex-Lloyd's and ex-Storehouse, is UK chairman, and he has just poached the managing direc-tor of Arthur D Little, Tim Simpson. Mr Hay Davison is a keen bell-ringer, and Mr Simpson hot stuff on the church organ. And I always thought management consultants were such dry old sticks.

A ROTTEN life serving the

strong pound are showing

signs of inflation and pressure

will grow on services, housing and consumption from build-

ing society windfalls. The best

way to dampen these pres-

sures would be to raise taxes,

but given the delays in the

nary tightening of monetary

policy is right. In raising base

rates next week, however, Mr

Brown should make clear that

tighter monetary policy is only

a temporary expedient to con-

troi the economy until the

Budget can put it on the right

by the National Insti-

tute for Economic and Social

Research, the likely path for

interest rates under a sensibly

rebalanced economic policy

would be an increase of a

quarter or half a point in the

next few months, followed by a

similar decline once the tighter fiscal policy begins to bire.

Even a hint of such a policy rebalancing towards higher taxes and lower interest rates

would give bullish speculators

pause, since futures prices to-

day assume an increase in base

rates from 6 per cent to 7 per cent by the end of the year, with

The last and most important

element of the new economic

strategy -- an increase in taxes

- would have to wait for the

Budget. There will be plenty of

time to go into details between now and then. But even before

a further rise after that.

s suggested in a per-suasive analysis pub-

lished on Thursday

people as a Member of the European Parliament. A document falls into my hards from the Caribbean Banana Exporters Association A Fact Finding Mission to Assess Dangers to the Caribbean Banana Industry" has been formed. Glenys Kinnock, for it is she, and four other timeservers will spend six days getting to grips with the need for preferential terms of access for bananas to the EU. Their gruelling itinerary will require receptions, lunches. field trips, more lunches and dinners. This cruck squad flies out to Guadeloupe on Monday. Let us pray, Watson, that they arrive in time.

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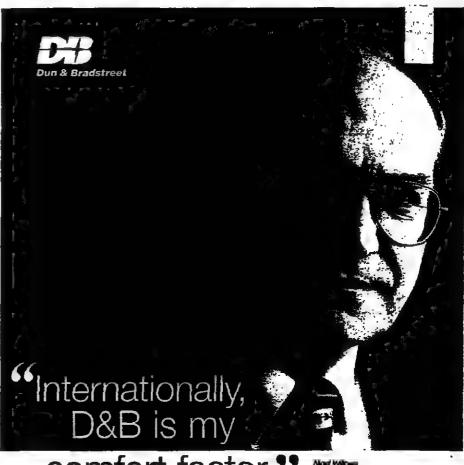
ALAS for poor Archie Nor-man, now heading for one of the most humiliating defeats

The Asda chairman may succeed at Tunbridge Wells, but he is still about to be judged wanting by his peers. His place in the company's foot-ball team is in jeopardy. Electioneering has meant that he has not played for the last six matches. As star striker, one might expect his absence to have been felt. Indeed: the side has not lost a match since. The team's sweeper, Allen Leighton, also Asda's chief executive, reckons Archie may soon find himself sitting on more than one sort of bench. Such touching loyalty, and how different from party politics.

MARTIN WALLER



The election has put Archie Norman's place in the Asda football team in jeopardy



comfort factor. " Apart Manager

"Trimble's overseas sales offices need to know "Internationally, D&B is my comfort factor. The very quickly what our decision is and what the Payment Score is the first thing we look at terms are for opening international credit when assessing and managing risk. D&B's accounts. Then we have tight internal controls - international Risk and Payment Review helps for collection but, of course, the sales offices" us decide on which payment methods to main aim is to sell and not to chase debts." adopt. And then if "the cheque's been in the post' for weeks, we'll use D&B's cross border Collection Services to collect - they're a dedicated resource and we never have to use them twice on the stame account. I like the continuity of service from start to finish."

BUSINESS ROUNDER

NTT plans float for

NTT of Japan, the world's largest phone company, is to float

NTT of Japan, the world's largest proble company, to those its mobile phone subsidiary next year in what is expected to be a record-breaking initial public offering. The sale will probably value the NTT DoCoMo, the subsidiary, at \$20 billion. Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street investment bank, here

and Yamaichi, the Japanese securines house, have been appointed to lead the global offering.

The deal is considered a coup by Goldman, which was chosen over rivals such as Mertill Lynch and SBC Warburg.

NTT would not comment. An announcement confirming the

deal and the identity of the underwriters is to be made next

week. NTT DoCoMo has some ten million mobile phone

subscribers. Its flotation is part of the Government's plans to

mobile phone arm

3M sells advert company to rival

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

THE American group 3M is selling National Advertising, its outdoor advertising company, to Outdoor Systems, its main rival, for \$1 billion and withdrawing from the business.

Although the 3M subsidiary was the market leader in billboard advertising in the US last year, the parent company has decided that it does not want to spend the resources necessary to develop the company and keep up with the competition. Outdoor Systems has expanded rapidly in recent years, overtaking National Advertising's annual \$200 million in sales this year.

Ray Richelsen, 3M group vice-chairman, said: The outdoor advertising industry has changed significantly in recent years. and we recognise that substantial investments would be required to maintain marker leadership." Nat-Advertising specialises in billboards and advertising kiosks placed in shopping malls.

3M bought the company 50 years ago believing that it could dispense with the lighting on billboards that had become common in the US, relying instead on car headlights to illuminate the signs after dark. Unfortunately they discovered that headlight beams did not point high enough to reach the billboards, but despite the failure of its idea 3M hung on to the subsidiary for decades.

Mary Auvin. a company spokeswoman. said: "We have decided that it just doesn't fit in with the rest of the group." 3M expects to receive about \$500 million in cash after taxes and writedowns, which it will use partly to step up its share buyback scheme. It will use the rest of the money to develop its other businesses. The Minnesota-based group had sales last year of \$14.2 billion and manufactures more than 50,000 industrial. commercial, consumer and health care products.

TENNALDS



Bernard Matthews, the firm's biggest shareholder, expects the profits downturn to be a short-term situation

Turkey firm sees leaner time ahead

SHARES in Bernard Mat-thews fell 12½ p to 127p yester-day after the supplier of turkey and other meat products gave a warning to investors that first-half profits were unlikely to match last year's comparable results (Martin Barrow writes).

The company, whose chair-man and biggest shareholder is Bernard Matthews, said that trading in the second quarter would not match last year's high levels, when business prospered because of the BSE beef crisis, with consumers switching to alternative

At the company's annual meeting in Norwich yesterday shareholders were told that the downturn was expected to he "a short-term situation" and the board remained "cautiously optimistic" about the outlook for the year as a

In the first half of last year Bernard Matthews increased pre-tax profits to £i0.4 milion from £8.67 million. Full-year profits rose to £22.58 million from £18.74 million.

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companies "are performing

even better than when they came into the group", Mr

Dwyer said. The group's US

and Australian companies are

also on target to increase sales by 40-50 per cent.

□ John Mowlem, the con-

struction company that is pre-

paring to float a 49 per cent stake in SGB, its scaffolding

business, said its performance

in the early months was ahead of last year "although ... as usual rather slow".

Mowlem also outlined the thinking behind its plan to raise money from SGB to

provide the money necessary

to develop its construction and

special services divisions, nei-

ther of which is capital

intensive. Special services in-

INFORMIX CORP. America's second-biggest publisher of INFORMIX CORP. America's second-biggest publisher of database software, reported a huge first-quarter loss and unveiled a restructuring plan that includes job cuts and an unspecified charge in the second quarter. Alan Henricks, chief financial officer since January, has resigned. The company, based in California, said it will not report a profit for at least another two quarters. The first-quarter loss was \$140.1 million, or 93 cents a share, compared with net income of \$15.9 million, or 10 cents a share, in the same quarter a year ago.

Informix falls into red

Leisure firm bid invited

BARR & WALLACE ARNOLD TRUST is inviting offers for its leisure business, which includes Wallace Arnold coach tours. However, the Leeds-based company said negotiations with Leisureplus, holding company for Shearings, the holding firm, were continuing. Last month members of staff sent letters to the group's 2,000 shareholders, arguing that a sale to Shearings would mean job losses. Results in early April showed strong recovery in Wallace Arnold's continental bookings despite its UK trading being "stightly disappointing".

Blagden sells Komet

BLAGDEN INDUSTRIES has sold Komet to Christian Dalloz of France for £2.4 million plus settlement of intergroup and third party debt of £700,000. Blagden said the proceeds from the disposal will be used for working capital to expand the company's core businesses. Blagden said the value of Komet's net assets was £500,000 on December 31. 1996, and that Komet achieved pre-tax profits of £600,000 in 1996. The company said: "The disposal is in line with Blagden's stated strategy for the protective equipment division."

Kuoni and P&O venture

KUONI, the travel company from Switzerland, has paid £5.7 million for 50 per cent of P&O Travel (Hong Kong) to form a joint venture to exploit the Asian travel market. P&O Travel (Hong Kong) also has operations in Singapore and Bangkok. For the time being, P&O Travel (Hong Kong) will continue to Trade under the present (Hong Kong) will continue to trade under its present name. P&O added that the venture "is well placed to exploit anticipated growth in tourism from the Asian.

Denmans' purchase

DENMANS ELECTRICAL: group, has acquired Tibelec, the French distributor of ighting, electrical fittings and accessories to stores. The initial consideration is £1.65 million cash and a further sum not exceeding £3.51 million is payable in cash on April 30, 2000, depending on the profits during the three years ending December 31, 1999. Tibelec recorded pre-tax profits of £512,000 on sales of £6.86 million in 1996. Net assets stood at £1.37 million at the year end.

Scholl appoints FD

SCHOLL, the footwear and footcare company, yesterday announced the appointment of Charles Marchetti as finance director. He is to replace Judy Stammers, who resigned when Scholl moved its head office from Windsor to Luton in July. Mr Marchetti, who trained as an accountant in Scotland, joined from SmithKline Beecham, where he had been vicepresident and finance director of its Italian operations. He has also held financial positions at Hashro, BTR, Dow Jones, American Standard and Price Waterhouse.

Holliday starts well

HOLLIDAY CHEMICAL HOLDINGS said the year has started well, with first-quarter results in line with its plans and including a strong contribution from pharmaceutical activities. At the company's annual meeting yesterday share-holders were told a considerable element of uncertainty had been removed after Novopharm, a big customer, reached agreement with Glazo Wellcome on selling generic Ranitidine in America. The company is taking steps to secure ade-quate manufacturing capacity to meet anticipated demand.

Allied Colloids expands

ALLIED COLLOIDS Group, the UK industrial chemicals firm, has agreed to buy Imdex Chemicals, a subsidiary of Australia's Imdex NL, for about 66.7 million. Imdex Chemicals manufactures a range of polymers used primarily in mining and industrial processing and has annual sales of about . £4.5 millioh. It operates from Kwinana, near Fremantie in Western Australia, and is well-positioned to supply the Asia-Pacific economies. The acquisition should be completed by the end of the month.

Crest Packaging buys

about £3.5 million. Rexam Cartons incurred a £900,000 loss before interest on sales of £12.7 million in 1996, but the business enjoyed a significant improvement in trading in the first quarter of the current year. Crest expects to achieve savings in the purchase of raw materials by switching. production to another site when required. Crest is providing £350,000 towards integration costs.

Wimpey warning on housing recovery to new government

BY PAUL DURMAN

GEORGE WIMPEY. Britain's biggest housebuilder. has urged the new government not to "overreact" to the strong housing recovery that the industry is enjoying.

While most commentators expect an increase in interest rates almost immediately, Joe Dwyer, Wimpey's chairman, is anxious that the inflationary pressures in the economy should not be exaggerated.

By Sarah Cunningham

ETAM, the high-street fashion

retailer, has disappointed again by reporting deepened

losses in the last dinancial

year, and no more than a slim

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He told Wimpey's annual meeting yesterday that the sharp rises being seen in London property prices re-flected the capital's "unique" status as an international market, partly driven by investment and not just home ownership. The rest of the country had moved into "the classic recovery phase, with modest price inflation radiating out from the South East to all parts of the UK by the end

the company made a pre-tax

loss of £4.2 million, compared

with £200,000 a year ago. Etam's shares fell 8½p, to

man, said: "Bearing in mind

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recovery is necessary and should not be seen as bringing unacceptable inflation pressures to the economy as a whole. Prices are still below the levels reached at the end of the 1980s. Inhibitory action now may well cause a downturn, particulary in Northern England and Scotland." Mr. Dwyer added that he believed the "excessive" price rises in London are set for a correction within the next two years.

been brought about, it is clear

that progress is being made in

the quest for sustainable and

quality turnover and profit

Second-half figures were hit

by £2.5 million of spending on

much better profit margins this year. In February, it said Wimpey Homes and McLean quired from Tarmac last year, had begun the year with gross margins of almost 18 per cent. up from just over 14 per cent this time last year. The im-

proved margins, together with higher sale completions, "augurs well for a further substantial increase in profits for the year", he said. Etam's growing losses disappoint

the massive changes that have the first phase of a relaunch The group is planning to begin testing a new-look store in

on July 3. This maintains the full-year dividend at 1.25p.

mineral and land testing business, which Mowlem wants to Tempus, page 30

Toy factory closure to cut 250 jobs

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

MORE than 250 jobs are to go with the closure of a toy factory in the North East, it was announced yesterday. The planned closure of the

Fisher Price and Spears Games plant at Peterlee, Co Durham, will mean longer dole queues in a district still trying to recover from the loss of its mining industry. Production is being moved

to Italy where the toy output is more in line with modern youngsters' demands and more cost competitive, the parent company, Mattel, said. The factory will be run down over the rest of this year. Flavio Borgatta, senior vice-president of European opera-

tions, said: "We regret this action is necessary. However, we shall do everything possible to assist employees and to minimise the impact on the local community. Peterlee has figured among

the losers in the wake of Mattel's recent announcement of a review of their worldwide operations, which means the shedding of 2,500 of their 26,000 employees. It was vulnerable because it

specialises in making bigger toys, which are considered less fashionable with children, a Mattel spokesman said. "The way the market is going, retailers are looking for smaller more compact toys, such as electronic games, which is the sort of operation that Mattel has in Italy."

EU call for new look at subsidy pact

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

SIR LEON BRITTAN, the European Union's External Affairs Commissioner, yesterday accused the US of heavily subsidising its aircraft industry and said that a 1992 accord between America and Europe limiting subsidies should be Addressing a trade confer-

ence here, Sir Leon said: "We think the agreement of 1992 needs to be looked at again." The Americans, one way or another, were "giving to their industry very heavy subsi-dies", he added. The agreement was de-

signed to restrict direct and indirect state financial assistance for the construction of commercial aircraft with more than 100 seats. The EU committed itself to

while the US agreed to limit its indirect assistance to 5 per cent of sales by American manufacturers.
Informed sources have said. that the subsidy question was discussed recently in talks between EU and US officials

capping subsidies at 30 per cent of development costs,

in Washington The issue will also be raised here tomorrow in contacts between Sir Leon 'and Charlene Barshefsky, the US Trade Representative, during sessions of the Quadrilateral Group, involving top trade officials from the US, Japan,

rations for war, aristocratic tea parties and watch blacksmiths, fletchers, wheelwrights

Tower you will hear of the grisly murder of the castle's owner by his manservant. During May you can listen to medieval storytellers, learn how thirteenth-century knights went into battle and watch the first of this year's jousting weekends.

and seamstresses do the work they did

centuries ago. In the refurbished Ghost

HOW TO APPLY

Keep token one, right, and attach it to the free child ticket voucher which will appear in The Times tomorrow and simply present them at the Warwick Castle entrance. You can get more free child tickets by buying extra copies of the newspaper and purchasing an accompanying full-price adult ticket. The offer is valid until May 31. 1997.

THE STATEMES WARWICK CASTLE TOKEN 1

CREST PACKAGING has acquired the business and trading assets of Rexam Cartons and Print South from Rexam for

Miners hope for gold in report

AT LEAST some of the mysteries sur-rounding Busang, once described as the world's largest gold discovery this century, are expected to be cleared up soon. However, shares in Bre-X Minerals,

the Canadian gold prospector, fell 23 Canadian cents to C\$3.48 (E1.53) in heavy trading after Freeport-McMoRan, the American mining group, extended its review of the controversial Busang Indonesian gold mining project until the end of June.

Freeport, a partner in the Busans project, requested the extension to give it time to study closely the findings of a report into Busang being compiled by

The report is expected to be delivered later today and Bre-X says it will make an announcement to the North American financial markets before they open for

trading on Monday. Speculation has swirled around Busang since its future was cast into doubt on March 26 when Freeport-McMoRan said its preliminary tests found "insignificant" amounts of gold.

Bre-X had previously estimated Busang contained about 71 million ounces of gold, potentially the largest in the world. But heavy selling of Bre-X shares lopped almost C\$3 billion from the company's stock market value, wiping out 80 per cent of its market worth.

Preeport declined to commer day on whether it planned any further drilling at Busang over the next two months. Strathcona said last week that it would maintain tight security over the

assaying of its core samples.

Only one or two people in management at the laboratories would have access to the final assays and the resplits would not be reported until all the

laboratory work was finished.

Analysis cautioned investors against reading too much into talk that the Freeport delay meant good news for Bre-X investors. Similarly Strathcona dis-missed reports in the Indonesian press earlier this week of leaks of test results claiming goods news for Busang.

Irish interest rates set to rise by half a point

MORTGAGE and retail inter- Dublin money markets as a continued its downward trend est rates in the Republic of result of continued speculation Ireland are set to rise by at least a half of a percentage point within the next few days following the Central Bank's decision late yesterday to raise its key short-term facility. (STF) rate to 6.75 per cent from

The bank announced the rise shortly after revealing a sharp rise in private sector credit growth in March. Instead of slowing slightly to take account of the Easter break, credit growth rose sharply to 18.6 per cent from 15.8 per cent in the previous

The bank has repeatedly expressed concern about the private sector credit trend and last year said that it wanted credit growth to fall below 10 -

Yesterday's move was also a response to a technical anomaly which developed in the against the Irish pound.

The volume of trade on Wednesday and to a lesser extent yesterday forced the Irish one-month wholesale rate up half a percentage point to 6.75 per cent, well above the Central Bank's old STF rate. Nevertheless the Central

the wholesale rate to fall back gradually as the currency volatility subsided. Instead it decided to act decisively to choke off any inflationary threat from runaway private. credit growth.

Meanwhile, the bank will

also be keeping a close eye on : currency markets today as the leading European dealers return to their desks after the

May Day holiday.

Although the Irish pound had a quiet day compared to its dramatic rollercoaster ride.

closing at 91.8 against the English pound and DM2.56.

The current run on the Irish pound started two weeks ago when Ruari Quinn, the Finance Minister, said he would prefer to see the pound trade lower in the ERM grid in the run-up to monetary union. At the time of his remarks

the Irish pound was trading at DM2.67, well ahead of its socalled ERM central rate of DM2.4f. Currency dealers decided that the Irish currency was a good one-way bet. However, until Wednesday

their profit-making plan was

being thwarted by the Central Bank which was active in the currency markets, supporting the Irish pound against According to most analysts, the bank's intervention was promoted by concerns over the

inflationary threat from high-

er priced British goods.



Destination Germany and Scandinavia for Phil White, chief executive, and Colin Child, of National Express

Europe next stop for bus rivals

NATIONAL EXPRESS, the transport group, is poised to move into the Scandinavian bus market, bringing it in head-to-head competition with Stagecoach, its UK rival. Colin Child, finance director, said the company is in advanced stages of talks with

a European transport group with a view to joining forces and bidding for bus services in Germany and Scandinavia. He said a formal announcement will be made in the near future.

The company has already won five of the UK's privatised rail franchises, including Midland Main Line.

and has 80 per cent of the UK bus market. Stagecoach is the largest independent bus operator in the Scandinavian market. It bought Swebus, the Swedish operator, last sum-mer. Although based in Sweden, Swebus runs longhaul routes through Finland and Denmark, giving it a commanding share of the

bus services are due to be put out to tender in autumn. In Germany, however, the cityto-city market is dominated by railways and the vast majority of town buses are in

National Express has so far restricted itself primarily to

UC shares fall after warning

By ERIC REGULY

SHARES of Utility Cable, the largest duct digging and cable laying company. plunged yesterday after it issued a profits warning

with its interim results. The warning came as a surprise. Brokers had been generally bullish on the company, which had been broadening its op-erations away from the core cable laying

Utility Cable said it had experienced operational difficulties in the cable laying side and made exceptional losses in certain completed contracts.

As a result, it reported an 18 per cent fall, to £1.8 million, in pre-tax profits in the half year to February 28.

An interim dividend of 0.27p, unchanged from last year, is to be paid on May 30. The lower profits may be reflected in the full-year dividend," the company said.

The shares, whose year high was 23p, fell 30 per

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Hickson in | Legal threat £28m sale of chemical subsidiary

BY MARTIN BARROW

HICKSON International, the speciality chemicals company, took a further step towards completing the overhaul of the business with the £28.5 million cale of Hickson PharmaChem to Warner-Lambert yesterday.

PharmaChem specialises in the contract manufacture of fine chemicals for the pharmacertical and healthcare markets. It operates from a 35-acre site at Ringaskiddy, close to Cork Harbour in Ireland. The business, formerly Angus Fine Chemicals, was acquired for

E23 million in August 1992. Last year PharmaChem in curred an operating loss of £4.8 million before exceptional items on turnover of Elő.I million. Net assets were £23.4 million at the year-end.

stage in a widespread restructuring launched in November 1995 to reduce borrowings and stern losses in underperforming sectors. In-November Hickson Manro, a performance chemicals subsidiary, was sold to its management for £26.5 million.

Elsewhere within the group hundreds of jobs have been lost and other subsidiaries have been sold or closed in an effort to reverse the company's ailing fortunes, which hit rock bottom in 1995 when pre-tax losses were £45 million.

The company has been under pressure from its banks to reduce debt further: and vesterday it estimated that proforma net debts would have about £30 million at the end of December, with net gearing of

PharmaChem will now operate under the name Warner-Lambert Cork

for Burger King over pricing

BURGER KING, the burger chain run by Grand Metropolitan, faces legal action from one of its largest independent franchisees over claims that franchisees are forced to buy materials from a supplier approved by GrandMet at: unfairly high prices.

in reponse to the claim, filed in the High Court last week, Burger King said that it is ready and willing to defend itself in court".

Solicitors for the J&H Kyrris Partnership, which operates 12 Burger King restau-rants in the East Midlands and Yorkshire, have issued a writ claiming that between 1991 and 1997 the parmership paid about £8 million more than it would have, had it chosen its own suppliers or distributors.

Earlier this week the J&H Kyrris Parmership was put into administration. Of the 450 Burger King restaurants in Britain, only 85 are operated directly by the company. The rest are operated under

The Kyrris writ also claims that Burger King "pursued a policy of unfairly high pricing of the products and that Kyrris and other suppliers have been prevented from proposing alternative suppliers and have thereby been unduly restricted in their choice of suppliers".

Holroyd Meek of Manchester is the exclusive supplier to all franchised Burger King outlets, J&H Kyrris is making a claim under European law because it says it would be possible to obtain supplies at a more competitive rate from other EU countries.





Brazil has to delay \$5bn privatisation FROM A CORRESPONDENT

auction of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD), the stateowned mining business, after losing legal challenges to the sale. The delay could last three months as the Government fends off 120 lawsuits aimed at

halting the sale. The \$5.5 billion sale is the largest attempt in Latin America and is seen as a test of President Fernando Cardoso's commitment to reform the economy. The sale has mobilised considerable opposition, ranging from former presidents Itamar Franco and José Sarney to Brazil's Roman Catholic bishops, and peasant and military groups and unions. They-



Cardoso: test of commitment

BRAZIL has rescheduled the say the Government is selling auction of Companhia Vale do the country's mineral wealth to foreigners for a pittance.

Vale is the leading gold producer in Latin America. It

employs about 15,000 people in mines, railways, shipping, aluminium factories and steel mills. The privatisation of what is also the world's largest iron ore producer hinges on a ruling by a Superior Court judge on a government appeal against a number of court injunctions blocking the sale. The Government tried this week to have all 120 lawsuits combined.

But the judge wanted more information and gave the Government ten days to produce documents pertaining to all the suits. Should he choose to analyse each case, the privatisation could be delayed for up to three months.

Antonio Kandir, the Planning Minister, said the Government aims to have all the documents ready within 48 hours and hopes to go ahead with the auction today.

Two groups are ready to bid for control of CVRD: one led by CSN, a local steel firm, and another headed by Grupo Votorantim, Brazil's largest private industrial conglomerate, along with South Africa's Anglo-American Corp.

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Choreographer Laurie Booth's latest work is given its London premiere VENUE: Tomorrow at the

Queen Elizabeth Hall



■ CHOICE 2

Festival time in Brighton: the arts jamboree invades the seaside resort

VENUE: From tomorrow at various venues





CHOICE 3

George Eliot's novel, Adam Bede, is brought to the: stage in Derby **VENUE: Previews tonight**

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THEATRE: An ancient Ayckbourn revived; and a new drama from Peter Whelan



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Ayckbourn's early and unconvincing Absent Friends is revived in Greenwich

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Here's one he made earlier

bourn plays on consecutive nights turned out to be a mistake, although it had seemed a good idea. First, take in the new play at Scarborough, and then, come down to Greenwich to look at one of his earliest. Compare and contrast, that sort of thing. Is the man's comedy darker than it used to be, or paler, or maybe it comes in stripes these days, like wasps, or the Greek flag?

concerns, and the Ayckbourn skill in decking them out, altered Absent Friends since 1974 when

Absent Friends was written? Are these useful questions anyway, or is it enough to consider how the two plays rate on the laughometer

The older of the two does not corn a high rating. There are laughs, certainly, generally at the comical disjunction be-tween the sprightly mood of Character A and the misery of Characters B. C. D. E and F. A. does not realise how B-F are feeling and goes breezily. heedlessly on, spreading his fatuous optimism until they would jump out of windows or gulp bleach if only they did not feel too dejected even to move.

Absent Friends is the one about Colin whose fiancée has just drowned. Some old mates invite him to drop round one afternoon for a spot of tea and but of course mears are the lives that are coming apart at every seam. It was the first play in which Ayckbourn revealed that he was more than a master of intricate

setting himself taxing problems of construction (three acts taking place in three kitchens on three successive Christmas Eves: or one couple invited to two dinner parties on different days but both dinners being shown simultaneously).

He shows us lives of undis cussed desperation, patiently borne or flinding an outlet in varieties of rancour. Colin is one of Ayckbourn's good-cheer freaks: not in his case a DIY How have the Ayckbourn bore as well, though it often corners, and comes with this

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cably looking on the bright side,

Greenwich

he brings out the bleak side of everyone else: Yes, this can be funny, but once the main joke is indicated, that's it: foreseeable variations of the theme.

ore damagingly, the middle-class . V. L. century Middle England types he concentrated on at this time often seem oddly unreal today, in attitude, if not yet in language. The no-nonsense honesty survives best, and right to the end I enjoyed the company of the gum-chewing, unillusioned Evelyn (Gillian Tompkins). But while Michael Simkins's direction capably uses the depth of the stage for treks to the kitchen and front door, he places the seats in a straight line along the front. Uncon-VIRCING IN LISCH. THIS MAKES THE play look more than ever like an old-fashioned discussion.



A dream's slow death

eter Whelan has a truly enviable gift for hatching issues out of historical quirks. Last year he not only tackled the state of the monarchy in Divine Right for Birmingham Rep. but the deliciously indelicate scandal about Shakespeare's eldest daughter in The Herbal Bedfor the RSC. Though the latter is now happily squatting in the West End, this is not the obvious destination of Overture, a slow, sticky drama playing at the New Vic Theatre, set in a crumbling country house in the Midlands.

Self-made tyrant Martin Rydall is sinking every penny into turning a rotting country pile into a New Age arcadia. His is a philanthropic dream, to salvage beauty from the oi commerce. But Martin's blind enthusiasm is harnessed to the vested interests of a failed architect. Philip, and a nubile young JEREMY KINGSTON piano teacher, Sian, who is

Overture Stoke-on-Trent

rather more concerned about temple dancing in Ladakh than teaching scales. Cold water is poured on

Martin's idyllic schemes by his accountant daughter Alleen (Sarah Mortimer), and his son Paul, back from selfimposed exile in Australia. There are issues here about what beauty means to the privileged and what it means to the poor. But they are tortuously worked out and finally scuppered by the inev-

itable family inquisition. With his fishing cap and baggy cardigan. Andrew Neil's Martin cuts a sort of Kichard Briers ligure without the rum humour. His dreams are duly steam-rollered by Paul's inability to forgive, and Aileen's expedient eye on the

Sean O'Callaghan's Paul pads around the stage like a surly undertaker, carrying his dislike of his father_around like a sack of chips. At any moment his sonorous, Shakespearean self-pity threatens to break into outright soliloquy. Peter Cheeseman's produc-

tion gets bogged down by this overly emotive acting and ponderous dialogue. Opportunities to laugh are quietly ushered off Sue Condie's inthe round, creaky floorboard set. It all adds up to a rather long and redious day's journey into night. The real weakness is the

lack of emotional credibility. Neil's Martin lacks edges of any sort. Perhaps I've got it wrong and the horror of this character is his sheer vanity. Maybe the point of this production is that everyone looks preposterously out of place.

> JAMES CHRISTOPHER

THE arrival of a new baritone and a couple of performances to settle the nerves have brought zest and musical freshness to the Garden's revival of Elisir, coolly received by Rodney Milnes and others when it opened, upturned moustaches and his slicked-back hair he is clearly a bit of a Simon Keenlyside is now Sgt Belcore, a bounder, a character from a Flashman part he has sung at New York's Met novel. But voice, not mere looks, will

He has always made full use of his angular body and stilt-like legs, but never to greater effect than in Donizetti's masterpiece. He enters as a dashing red sergeant, handed bouquets and props of seduction by his platoon, while he circles Adina like a predatory stork. With his optimistical-

Bottle gets a shake-up

win him what he wants. Keenlyside's baritone is in prime condition at the moment, full of swagger for Belcore's opening aria and gleeful as he signs up Nemorino for the squad at a knockdown price. His first Giovanni is on the way and should be well worth the wait. For now his Belcore is a character to treasure.

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favoured by the likes of Freni and Grist in the part and instead turns her into a haughty man-eater for the first act. This allows her later to melt like a village Turandot near the end when she realises Nemorino really loves her. Gheorghiu has a lustrous soprano and has now turned into an actress of high calibre, using her whole body to express what she sings so easily. Jose Bros (Nemorino) is not in this league, but his tight, bright tenor shaped Una furtiva lagrima with considerable

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Keeping them on their feet

DANCE: Debra Craine on the world

premiere of Glen Tetley's disappointing

new commission for Covent Garden

pace and spaciousness have often been defining characteristics of American choreography. And here they are again in Glen Tetley's ballet Amores, his first new work for Covent Garden in 17 years. The wide open vistas of the rugged North American landscape (suggested so effectively by Nadine Baylis's beautiful backdrop) seem to embrace the six dancers and goad them on to even greater.

And even greater energy, too. For this must be one of the most taxing ballets these dancers have ever had to face, a half hour of relentless, panting physical exertion that pushed even the Amazonian Darcey Bussell to the brink of exhaustion on opening night.

Works like Amores have their place in the repertoire because, if nothing else, they do breed strength and stamina in performance. But Olympian endurance is only part of the package. Choreography needs: to drive its own creative impulses, as well as just busy its cast, and this is where Amores falls down.

Set to three pieces of music by the: contemporary American composer. Michael Torke, Amores (Spanish for love affair) finds Tetley in love with the physique of his dancers and excited by their possibilities as machines of performance. He has chosen his cast well. Bussell is a big and bold mover. Leanist Benjamin fleet and silken. Deborah Bull crisp and elegant. While the trio of men - Stuart Cassidy, William Trevitt and Michael Num - make an

The choreography highlights their obvious qualities as leading artists of the Royal Ballet, yet bypasses the opportunity to explore them as individuals. The lifts are daringly high, the stretches indul-gently long, but the accumulation of movement, no matter how attractive some of it is, exposes the lack of variety in Tetley's

Tetley takes his cue from the music, which has the propulsive force of minimalism and the melodic grandeur of a Hollywood theme tune. But like Torke's score — a kind of marriage of Aaron Copland and Steve Reich — the choreography is not highly original. And the paucity of inventive writing — coupled with the disappointingly thin structure — means momentum

frequently flags.
At the age of 71, Tetley has a lifetime of accomplished and ecle-tic choreography behind him, from the ground-breaking Pierrot Lun-ure, which set the modern world on fire in 1962, to the comfortable balletic hits of his later years, like Alice and La Ronde Amores, though, is unlikely to stand among his more memorable creations.

For sheer unwavering originality in pure dance, we had the master himself: Balanchine, His Symphony in C closed this triple bill in consummate style. The gen of Balanchine's genius sparkles Uttoughout his 1947 creation. Each a radiant choreographic personality - pride, serenity, vivacity or joy - and develops it with clarity.



Darcey Bussell and Stuart Cassidy, taken to the brink of exhaustion in Glen Tetley's new Amores

cation. The three ballerinas of Amores, now restored to vigorous health, joined Nicola Transh in a classy performance.

If all had gone according to plan. Balanchine would also have

an all-American bill. Unfortunately, his divine Apollo — with Irek Mukhamedov taking the first-night lead - was cancelled after problems arose in gaining casting approval from the George BalanJudas Tree, Kenneth MacMillan's ghastly gang rape shocker. There is little justification for MacMillan's ridiculous and convoluted ballet, but at least it gave Mukhamedov his allotted stage time on Wednes-

Bobby's back, disappointed

AMERICAN THEATRE: Edward Karam

on the premiere of David Mamet's new play

the last time anyone saw Bobby Gould was in David Mamet's hilarious 1989 oneact play, Bobby Gould in Hell. The year before, Mamet had introduced Bobby, the morally questionable Hollywood producer in Speed-the-Plow, a man with the power to "green-light" pictures. In the fol-low-up play, Bobby tried to convince an Interrogator that he was a Good Man. The one-act ended with Bobby admitting he was a Bad Man, repenting, and being shown the door by his infernal hosts. Now Bobby is back in *The Old*

Neighborhood, a trio of playlets premiering in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as part of the American Repertory Theatre's New Stages Festival, and this time pain is inescapable. Mamet, in three unusually intimate acts, shows Bobby in rendezvous with his best friend from high school; his sister and brother-in-law; and his ex-girl-iriend, Rebecca Pidgeon's cool, chic "D". Even as he exchanges ribald memories of sexual conquests with Vincent Guastaferro's Runyonesque lug Joey, there is a strong current of middle-aged melancholy and distress. The discussion of past relationships reveals disappointments that run deep among the

In a beige-curtained room designed by Kevin Rigdon and furnished with only a table, scotch and glasses. Bobby agonises to Joey about losing his Jewish roots. Bobby's gentile wife has left him. taking their son. Joey, asked about his wife, replies: "I am praying every night I can get through life without murder." Joey romanticises Europe: he dreams of working at a forge, where brute strength would bring him distinction. "I know there's power in me, but it's

not coming out." he cries. Bobby finds his sister Jolly, too, is tormented. Unloved by their parents and denied her inheritance by their stepbrother, she shuffles around her kitchen in a plaid

guage borrowed from some of Mamet's male characters. Brooke Adams impressively shows Jolly's fragile self-esteem, veering between the self-assurance gained from the love of her husband Carl (Jack Willis) and the memory of her mother's cruelty.

"D" appears more self-possessed in a cafe with Bobby. In a virtual monologue, she rambles about gardens, the weather, and her dreams of primitive tribes that mutilate themselves. Although

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Unhappy siblings: Brooke Adams and Tony Shalhoub

Pidgeon's carefully modulated per-formance shows the discomfort underneath, and the final goodbyes provide a bittersweet catharsis for the trilogy, the act drags. Better direction than that of Scott Zigler might have helped. Throughout the production, lines that are written to overlap or be interrupted are delivered in toto, followed by the next actor cleanly beginning the next line. The effect is a stiltedness that undermines Mamet's rhythms. With virtually no physical action and so heavy a reliance on language The Old Neighborhood needs a more careful

Trouble at the Watermill

Then the Governor of Harrieur (Tony Beil) steps on to the roof of the Watermill Theatre in Berkshire next week to hear the terms of surrender from warlike Harry Jamie Glover), waiting below with his clanking cohort to storm the citadel. there will be a more acute sense of siege than even director Edward Hall had in mind.

The hope is that the surren-der of the fortifications to Henry V will be a symbolic lifting of the "blockade" leading to seasons of plenty for the Watermill, the tiny producing theatre which must be one of the most beguiling in the country, but which found itself effectively cut off for almost 18 months during the Newbury bypass demonstrations.
"It was an extraordinarily

unreal, eerie feeling. It looked and felt like a battle front - we could see the whole thing being acted out before us, 400 yards down the lane, but it wasn't part of us," says Jill Fraser, who acquired the Watermill 15 years ago, consigned it to a trust, and has run it ever since.

It has always been a small miracle that it has continued producing and has withstood the economic onslaughts that have closed bigger and betterresourced theatres.

Although the Watermill, hidden away at Bagner in horsey Lambourn Valley, was operating throughout the period, many habitual audience members assumed it was

Simon Tait on a Berkshire battle for survival both on and off stage



IIII Fraser: "We're still suffering from bypass syndrome"

closed and stayed away, and the Watermill lost a crippling. £40,000 last season.

So far this season has been no better, with disappointing houses for its first two productions, a review called Mixed Doubles followed by a new play by Alex Jones, Deadwood

— A Soldier Returns, which is an eerie story about a First World War soldier coming home with bitter revenge to exact. The play was turned down by several producing houses who believed the subject-matter too difficult for their audiences; in the event it less than half-filled Watermill's 216 seats.

"If it weren't for the good reviews and the word of mouth, I'd think there was something wrong with the productions, but there plainly isn't," says Fraser. "Those who come are loving it, and we're still suffering from the bypass syndrome. People aren't book-ing. It's almost the doors trade that inner-city theatres get, but because people don't really pass our doors out here it's not sustaining us."

Henry V is a promenade

production in the meadows

surrounding the theatre. This is the high point in the Watermill's summer season, which is also its thirtieth anniversary season, and the theatre is appealing to audiences and other well-wishers to support a £250,000 appeal

to save it from closure. "Henry is a bit of a battle cry for us. Because we're rehearsing outdoors, the sound of it resonates down the valley, and people are coming in to find out what's happening," Fraser

Because the Watermill is out of the way, casts tend to stay in the accommodation Fraser can provide for them in the outbuildings, and there is a permanent ensemble sense to the place which appeals to both actors and audiences.

The Watermill has enthusiastic supporters. The earnest pleas from the likes of Adrian Noble, Richard Eyre, Alan Ayckbourn and David Suchet. For this is the theatre where Rufus Sewell and Sean Bean began their stage careers, where Susannah York, Julia McKenzie and Michael Pennington have performed in recent seasons; where Sir Michael Hordern was president of the trust (Anton Rodgers took over on Hordern's death), and which brought us such new works as Fay Weldon's Woodworm.

Hordern, who lived a few doors away, was initially op-posed to the theatre on his doorstep. Then his old friend Peggy Mount played here, and held court in the courtyard after performances with a bottle or two of wine, and one summer evening Hordern joined her. Soon afterwards he became an enthusiastic president of the trust.

The Watermill gets 10 per cent of its income through subsidy, and although both Southern Arts and Newbury Council admit that their contribution is not enough, there is little prospect of an increase. So if Henry doesn't succeed and the appeal also fails. Fraser has to face the truth that the Watermill will have to

"You can't survive with no money, but we're just not thinking about the ultimate at the moment."

Henry V is at the Watermill Theatre, near Newbury. May 6-June 7 (box office 01635 46044)

CONCERTS: Grainger remembered; and a fine pianist in a rough patch

Percy Grainger festival is like a weekend with ▲a compulsive talker not one of those you can mentally switch off, but one who so regularly illuminates the flow of trivialities with something witty or truthful or even beautiful that you just have to keep listening.

For the BBC Philharmonic, which is also involved in a major Grainger recording project, it must be a considerable trial of professional patience. For the Hallé Orchestra, however, which contributed just one piece to the BBC Grainger Festival in the Bridgewater Hall, it was probably an amusing diver-

Even so, the BBC Philharmonic could not have chosen a better piece to hand over to their colleagues in the Halle than the Suite on Danish Folk

Tunes. As a work by a composer reputedly sympa-thetic to folk song, it is a scarcely credible exercise in tormenting the melodically

and harmonically innocent. From the beginning, when a superfluous piano cadenza merges into sustained organ harmonies to herald the entry of a solo trumpet, it seems all too likely that Grainger's unfortunate Jutland melodies are going to be vulgarised. sentimentalised and generally ill-treated. And so they are, in structures varying between the incoherent and, in the final Jutish Medley, the

The illumination in this

ll-treated folk Hallé/Schmidt

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from the pianist, Martin Jones, who delivered a heroic account of a breathtakingly brilliant arrangement of the Valse de Fleurs from Casse-Noisette. Any musician who could do what the 22-year-old Grainger does here, in transferring to the piano so much of the colour and textural detail of Tchaikovsky's orchestral score, was surely nothing less than a genius. So where did he go wrong

elsewhere? The rest of the concert was lem. It had begun with Ole Schmidt conducting an inter-pretation—at first enchanting and then, after his awkwardly accomplished tempo change, somewhat laboured - of

Sibelius's En Saga. It ended with a performance of Nielsen's Fourth Symphony (the Inextinguishable) remarkable above all for its frankness. Except in the pastiche rococo passages, where the Halle woodwind played with exceptional re-finement, Schmidt resisted any temptation to adjust the balance, blend the colours or resort to any of those devices designed to conceal the truth about a score.

The result was not comfortable to the ear but it made a searingly honest appeal to the

GERALD LARNER

Brahms given rough treatment

Prahms is known to have been clumsy — but not that clumsy. When Nikolai Demidenko crashed his way through the finale of the Second Piano Sonata. notes flew in all directions, and a susurration of wincing and dismay was heard throughout the Wigmore Hall.

This was, after all, the composer's anniversary month, and Demidenko's performance at the start of a tripartite "Romantic Voyage", to be continued in May and June, was not kind. Technical clumsiness, in moderation, can be forgiven. But this seemed to be the physical manifestation of a mental aggression and a spiritual insensitivity. In the heroic octaves and passionate energy of the first movement, and in the tolling power of the finale, a great heart is beating. These

were just large gestures. The reverse side Demidenko's virtuoso but soulless way with Brahms was heard in the three Intermezzi of Op 117. Demidenko characterised them distinctively enough, with a hypnotic and cunningly sounded-out equi-librium of voices in the first. But effects such as these

seemed ready-packed rather

than created out of a live,

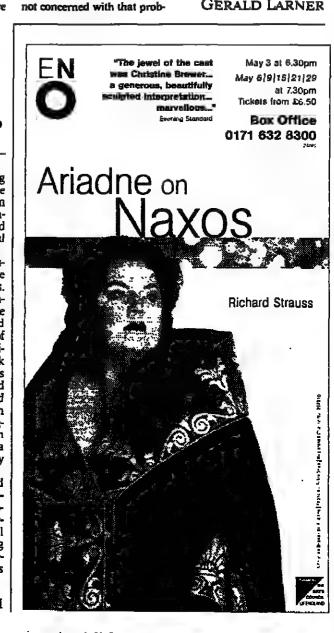
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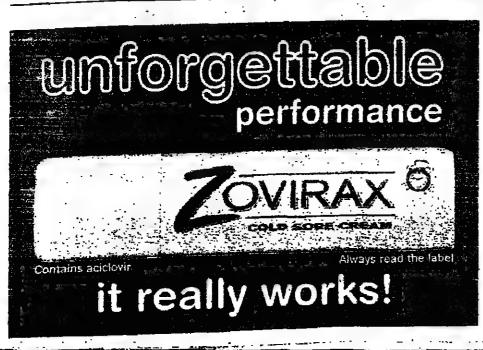
music. As a result, the playing sounded mannered: in the second Intermezzo in the form of an almost grotesquely laboured molto espressivo, and in the third through a refusal to seek simplicity.

Before the interval, Schumann had kick-started the series in no uncertain terms. The eight Novelletten, inspired by the composer's love for Clara Wieck, revealed more of the positive side of Demidenko's idiosyncratic pianism. The short sharp shock of the opening march was compelling in its compacted energy and brilliantly focused chords; the waltz of the fourth piece was a beguilingly imagined pas de deux, moving from distance to foreground in a whirl of taut rhythm and sly

Some in the audience would have found Schumann's typical Eusebius/ Florestan, introvert/ extrovert contrasts overviolently drawn. Yet the final Novellette was a chilling glimpse into the chasm between the two, which made its

HILARY FINCH







POP 1

"You just know when you're good," say the boys from Embrace and they are probably right



POP 2

The original members have vanished, but Dr Feelgood still rolls on after 25 years





POP 3

Ernest Ranglin, the veteran who invented reggae and ska, is back in the groove



POP 4

Steve Winwood eases himself back into the limelight with a low-key chib gig in London

Eight arms to hold you enthralled

They love the Beatles, they're Northerners,

there are two brothers in the band, and

soon Embrace will be as big as Oasis too

MORAN

had played a couple of strobe-strated Enormodromes in Brazil, at the very least. When the limited release of Embrace's All You Good Good People hit the shops in February. the music industry started guessing which superstar had recorded it

Although Good People was, on the surface, merely about sorting

yourself out after the end of a relationship, it seemed to be informed by a couple of passionate affairs with supermodels and the worries of private jet ownership. Embrace sounded like a band that had already driven a Rolls-Royce into a swimming pool - or maybe even, in a moment of extremely high jinks, turned a Rolls-

Royce into a swimming pool, complete with tropical fish. That enormous, mountain-moving swell of triumphalism: that irresistible stellar tug in the chorus . . . no way could Good People have ever been recorded by some unknowns from Leeds.

But it really was - and, furthermore, it was recorded by a band that, at the time, had played only 12

gigs. Eh?
"We just kind of decided to . . . be great," Danny McNamara, singer and half of Embrace's songwriting duo, says simply. "A lot of bands seem to have been given a 'Don't pass great - just go straight to OKish card, and stuck to it. That's all I can presume. No one seems to be really going for it these days, not

since the Stone Roses went rubbish and Kurt Cobain died. There aren't any bands you can believe in any

"Yeah - you have to go back and listen to Curtis Mayfield. Aretha Franklin, the Beatles and, well, the Charlatans to hear bands that seem limitless." Richard, Danny's younger brother and Embrace's guitar-

> "The Charlatans?" Danny yelps. "You put the Charlatans in that list and not Marvin Gave?

"I've listened to that Charlatans album more than I've listened to Marvin Gaye," Richard argues back.

i don't believe you!" Danny huffs.

Hang on, what have we here? Two Northern brothers with unquenchable self-belief, into the

Beatles, kicking out songs as large as Mars and fond of inter-familial scrapping? Haven't we done this one?

"Ah yes, the Oasis comparisons," Danny says calmly. "I knew we were going to get those. Just like I knew we were going to get Single of the Week in the music press, and loads of radio play, and a booking for Wembley Arena this time next year. I mean, obviously it's not booked yet, but I just know. Noel Gallagher said our stuff was awesome, which was nice, 'cos I like some of his stuff."

Richard: "Yeah, Cum On Feel The Noize was fantastic." Danny: "Yeah, and I Am The-Wairus. Top tune that." The McNamara brothers started



"There aren't any bands you can believe in any more": the Leeds quarter Embrace launch their manifesto for trust in pop politics

the age of 16. "They'd come knocking on the door, asking us down the pub, and we'd just point at our guitars," Richard says. "After about a year, they stopped knocking." At the time, Embrace were a nameless concept doing "PJ Harvey-stuff without the class; it was

giving up their friends for music at all very 'I hate myself and I want to

When the property boom made a small squelchy sound and col-lapsed, the McNamaras' father left construction industry and started making sheds. "We worked for him. Made some top sheds." Danny says. "Then we went on to construction sites. The people who work there are really airight. Everyone thinks they're all redneck bigots reading The Sun, but they're really cool. And if anyone does make a racist comment, you just say: 'Oi, that's really out of order'. and discuss it with them, and they

"It's only if you say nothing and just laugh along with them that they start distrusting you. They can always tell if you're pretending to

be someone else." Danny was still convinced he couldn't sing, and would sit for hours with an acoustic guitar. walling until he could hit all the

notes Richard was writing for him Richard and my dad were the only people who thought I was any good," Danny says, "My dad knew nothing about modern music, but he was convinced we were going to make it. We're quite a musical family. Out brother's got a band too, he's the coolest out of all of us He's more confident than either of us." One can only tremble at the

thought "Our cousin's a dance artist," Richard continues. "My dad's unde's brother's son is in Jamiroquai. One of our distant relatives came third in the Eurovision song contest when Buck's Fizz won and did backing vocals on U2's second album. We've got some weird, guitar-shaped genes in our blood."

n unseemly A&R scram-ble ensued when Embrace first started playing live. "We were wined and dined," Danny says, rolling his eyes in a bemused way. "We went from being Northern oiks looking at a taco going 'What's this?' to connoisseurs of line wines and brandies. We're right little Loyd Grossmans now."

"And we still prefer chips, Richard says, ingenuously.

After signing to Hut Records and being given one of the biggest and artistically empowering contracts ever given to an unknown band, Embrace are sitting on the powderkeg of their first proper release, The Fireworks EP. A fiery, urgent brass squeal with a power that could flatten a tower-block; a flip-side of rearful balladry and delicate finger picking, it should caress the Top 20

with no effort at all. You just know when you're good," Danny says. "I mean, you can just hear it." And indeed you CSTL.

. The Fireworks EP is released on Monday by Hut. Embrace start a nationwide tour on Tuesday

Why did Ernest Ranglin turn down the chance to direct Bob Marley's music?

mest Ranglin hardly looks like a man of changed the face of looks like a man who modern music. The inventor of both ska and reggae, the maestro who taught Bob Marley the rhythms that conquered the pop world, he is dressed in casual grey slacks and an anorak, the very antithesis of the rastafarians whose soundtrack he created.

Almost 40 years ago Ranglin cut the very first disc on Island Records, after Chris Blackwell, the label's owner. heard him playing in a hotel at Montego Bay. It was the start of an illustrious career, for Ranglin, now 65, went on to arrange, direct, write or play on just about every great record to come out of Jamaica through the glory years of the 1960s and 1970s, from Millie's My Boy Lollipop — the 1964 hit that brought ska to world attention - to the Melodians' anthemic Rivers of Babylon. He worked with Jimmy Cliff. Prince Buster and the Wailers and, having invented the ska rhythm, was the musical doctor at the birth of reggae. At his height Ranglin was so much in demand that he

The man who gave us reggae

become Marley's musical

Strangely for a man with such a pedigree, Ranglin's real love is jazz. He semi-retired to Florida in the 1970s, but is back with a new album, The



Ernest Ranglin: always a jazzman at heart

string of British dates this summer. These days he plays a mature and sophisticated fusion of George Benson-style jazz grooves and clipped Jamaican ska and rock-steady rhythms, but everywhere he goes the first question inevitably concerns his relationship

with Marley and how he

invented reggae in the 1960s.
"We were in the studio one day playing some rock-steady rhythms, but it seemed too relaxing," he says. "You want to get the blood flowing, so I said let's speed things up a little more. The song was Say What You Say by Monty Morris and this beat came in. but we didn't put a name to it. It was only when people listened to the playback and said this is different that someone tried to describe the sound - 'a-reggae, a-reggae'

- and the name stuck."

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The association with the youthful Marley began shortly after, when the still unknown singer visited Coxsone Dodd's studio in Kingston, Jamaica where Ranglin was musical director. "I did a slow tune for him and then a few ska tunes. I had the rhythms and Bob put his message to them, which was good. Later, when he was an international star, he asked me to be his teacher and his arranger but at that time I didn't want to jump. I was with Jimmy Cliff and I couldn't just leave him. But Bob took reggae to the world. He had his message and I'm proud of him."

There is no envy in Ranglin's voice, and you get the strong impression that he has no regrets about turning down the gig. He was never into the rasta or rebel causes with which reggae became associated, and is clearly uneasy about the street violence in Kingston which developed around the scene and which led to the murder of two members of the Wailers and an attempt on Marley's own

Reggae is a nice rhythm. and if people want to say it is rasta music that is their concern," Ranglin says. "All I wanted is for it to be played

ith the move to America and his im-mersion in jazz. 7 ith the move to V V mersion in jazz.
Ranglin was really coming full circle, for he had begun playing jazz with people such as Joe Harriott in the big-band era of the 1940s, "Thar's where I learnt," he says, "I watched the brass section and learnt about the guitar from other instruments. I'd always be asking the arranger questions.

That was my school." Memories of Barber Mack is his tribute to the music that has inspired him over half a century. "Barber Mack was one of the old musicians who played mento, which was the rhythm of the day, and I was lucky enough to hear him when I was a small boy. He was a lovable man and they used to say he played the saxophone so good that smoke came out of his instrument."

By now Ranglin's soft laughter means he is struggling to finish the story. "Then I found him backstage with a cigarette in his mouth blowing into the instrument until it was full of smoke. He went back on he's so hot he's on lire. He was one of the greats. I am coming from that era to today and this album records the journey."

NIGEL WILLIAMSON Memories of Barber Mack will



Look in vain for Wilko, Sparko, Lee and the Big Figure, but rest assured that this is still the mighty Dr Feelgood

The first no-quarter-century

The cabin attendant on the flight to Switzerland widens her eyes at Kevin Morris and says: "Ah! You are the real Dr Feelgood?"
"Something like that," says
Morris, enjoying her surprise.
Perhaps she is puzzled at the 41-year-old drummer's polite request for fruit juice. Aren't members of rock bands sup-

posed to gulp tequila straight from the bottle? Something like the real Dr Feelgood has been doing the rounds of the world's pubs. clubs and concert halls for a quarter of a century. It has been a long haul since 1979 and the band's lone Top Ten hit, Milk & Alcohol; longer still since Lee Brilleaux, Wilko Johnson, John B. Sparks and the Big Figure, residents of Carryey Island on the gritty Essex shore of the Thames estuary, first cobbled Dr Feelgood together in 1972 as an

outlet for their shared passion for rock'n'roll and the blues. Twenty-five years on the road will exact a toll on any working band, especially a no-nonsense four-piece such as the Feelgoods, who earn their living by the sweat of their brow each night as they dish out their energetic, spiky Brit-ish brand of R&B.

The four founder members are all gone - Wilko, Sparko and Figure to other bands. Brilleaux to an untimely death from lymphoma in 1994. But the band carries on, with its feet-on-the-ground traditions somehow still intact.

Of the four musicians senttered around the plane to their gig in Berne. Morris has Perhaps the hardest-working band in rock, Dr Feelgood, is 25 years

old. Christopher Somerville reports

invested 14 years of his life in Dr Feelgood, and guitarist Steve Walwyn and bass player Phil Mitchell have put in 18 years between them. The grizzied Si-year-old new boy Pete Gage — lead singer and harmonica player — has not served as much Feelgood time

as his colleagues. But he, too, carries himself - as befits a man who in his time has played support to Jimi Hendrix — in the manner of one whom life's rich pageant has not passed by. Five minutes in the band's company tells you that these are seasoned troupers; mid-

it quick 9 dle aged family men who have seen it all, done most of it, and are not going to get over-excited about anything at this out through a mixture of gin stage of the game.

It is four years since Brilleaux fronted Dr Feelgood's previous show in Berne. Tonight the band has something to prove namely. that Gage can cut the mustard. "I'd always admired Dr reelgood for what they stand for: hard work at the shopfloor level," Gage says. "There's always been a punky punchiness about their music; make it short and sharp, deliver it

quick. That's why I was really

delighted when they asked me In May 1995 Gage took on one of the toughest assign-ments in rock: filling the shoes

of Dr Feelgood's original and inspirational frontman. As a man Brilleaux was humorous, widely read and sparklingly witty: on stage he was a man, who knew how 6 Make was take a stone-cold audience and cook

it short them to perfection. He was a master of the harmonica, an and under-rated instrument which in sharp, Brilleaux's mouth would be made to deliver squeal and purr like a cat. And the Brilleaux voice, seemingly dragged snarling from an

out through a mixture of gin and gravel, was like no other singer's voice. It looked highly unlikely that anyone else could lead the Feelgoods on-stage cavalry charge with the panache of their much-mourned

·leader. "I know people - especially the long-time fans - are going to be looking me up and down," says Gage on the drive from the hotel to the gig. "But I'm just one of the four corners of this unit. I'm not a clone of Lee; I believe I can offer

something different. And one thing I've always been confident of is my voice."
We find about 600 people in

the Bierhübeli, an old and rather beautiful music hall near the city centre. Some of the audience are fans, some are Friday-night-outers; others, the majority, are the guests of a Swiss travel company. It is a lukewarm bunch, neither enthusiastic nor indifferent. The Feelgoods take the stage with the task of winning

age looks sharp and dangerous, holding the microphone close to his mouth to catch his cheese-grater vocals, his free hand finger-snapping freneti-cally away from his body. right leg pumping the rhythm like a piston.

To the singer's right, Walwyn lurches in noddingdog mode, chopping away at his well-worn Telecaster; on the left a be-shaded Mitchell stands as rock-like as a bassplayer should. Behind them Morris, in a star-spangled shirt, thunders his way round the drum kir. By the third number, a blues called Tanqueray, Walwyn has fallen to his knees to solo; the audience is already up on its toes, dancing and clapping along, and we know it is going

to be another good night. The album 25 Years of Dr Feelgood is released by Grand Records (01268 69-888) on Monday. Down by the Jetty, the Dr Feelgood Story by Tony Moon is published by Northdown on Tuesday.



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■ POP 5 Chirpy, ironic eclectic ... and Swedish: the Wannadies show their class

on Bagsy Me



POP.6 but Paul McCartney has few new tricks on the tracks of his latest album.

Flaming Pie





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.. while the famous faces of Tuatara beguile in several styles on Breaking the Ethers

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No holes in these pigeons

POP ALBUMS: David Sinclair gives

three cheers for the musical history lesson offered by Sweden's Wannadies

THEWANNADIES

Bags Me (Inddent DIECD 008 £13.99) ONE of the great charms of pop in the 1990s is that you never know quit where you are. Time was when a group like the Wannadies would have had just the one straightforward string to their bow. The breakneck tempo of the Swedish band's hit, Hit, and the equally hummable tune of their new aibun's opening track, Because, would have been enough to pigeonhole them as chirpy, power-pop lightweights after the fashion of the Redllos, perhaps, or any of those skiny-tie American hands that carrie along in the wake of punk.

But in the mix'n match free for all of the 1990s, things are rarely that simple, First, there are the lyrics to consider quirky, supercilious, pos-sibly ironic lines such as "I want to fly like a burn burn burnble bee . . . It might seem surreal/But it's ideal," in the Kinks-influenced Bumble Bee Boy, for instance. Then there are the sudder, often startling changes of pace; from the tumbling, buzz-saw guitars and exquisitely catchy melo-dy of Someone Somewhere to the Herb Apert horns and melancholy. pseudo-easy listening jazz chords of Oh Yes (It's A Mess), all in the wink

of a digital eye.
Where will it end? In the case of Bagsy Me, it is with an eight-minute epic called That's All, liberally laced with spacy effects also gradually coalesce into an aimost dance rhythm track. But no matter what mode they are in, the Wannadies'.

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PAUL McCARTNEY Flaming Pie (MPL/Parlophone

album to treasure.

7243 8 56500 £13.99) IF DAVID BOWIE is passe, where does that leave Paul McCartney? Chewing the cud big time, if his first proper album since 1993's disastrous Off the Ground is anything to go by. Accompanied here and there by a small bunch of his superannuated chums including Jeff Lynne, Steve Miller and Ringo Starr, the Big Mac has attempted to inject a little spontaneity into Flaming Pie, but still ends up with a surplus of nostalgic lyrics shackled to a grim succession of sadly arthritic perfor-

The sleeve notes boast of how quickly he wrote and/or recorded numbers such as the useless R&B groore Really Love You (one of three pieces evolved inside half an hour"), the sloppy yet somehow polite riffing of Used to be Bad ("just a jam, really") and the feeble-minded pop of Young Boy (written the true three trees I load to be the true trees I load to be seen to be true three trees I load to be seen to be true to the true trees I load to be seen to be true to be true to be seen to be "in the time that it took Linda to cook a lunch").

Bereft of ambition - "You've got to have a laugh on this album. because I just can't be bothered doing anything else," he explains — and stamefully lacking any spark

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"The Wannadies' agile command of pop idioms, combined with the sheer zest of the enterprise, make Bagsy Me an album to treasure"

of wit, passion or glamour, this is what pop sounds like with its teeth in the bedside glass.

PREFAB SPROUT Andromeda Heights (Kitchenware KWCD 30

WHITHER Paddy McAloon, the man who can write songs for Cher and Jimmy Nail, return after a seven-year absence looking about as hip as Ted Moult, and still be a fashionable name to drop among DOD'S tastemakers?

The good news is that the musician at the helm of Prefab Sprout has reined in some of his more otiose inclinations and produced an road crooner beneath the layers of album which is mercifully less

cluttered with the complicated chord changes and nervous twists in the lyrics for which he is so mysteriously revered. On Andromeda Heights he is at his best with the gentle whimsy of Electric Guitars, a song which sums up the rock star dream with the pretentious yet priceless line: "We were singled out

by fate/We were quoted out of

context — it was great". The bad news is that on songs such as Anne Marie and Whoever You Are, with their swirling string arrangements and dollops of prerock'n roll romanticism ("the search for love is never-ending"), there is still an unrepentantly middle-of-themodern pop sophistication.

Breaking the Ethers (Epic 487540 E15.49)

WARNING bells inevitably start ringing when you hear that musicians such as guitarist Peter Buck (of R.E.M.), drummer Barrett Martin (Screaming Trees), bassist Justin Harwood (Luna) and jazz saxophonist Skerik (various) have got together for the "sheer enjoyment" of playing something more adventurous and experimental than the music which has made them

But although it is an instrumental album which takes a welcome detour from the beaten track, Breakindulgent nor inaccessible. A sion items.

combination of jazz, Latin, rock and (faint) world music sounds, it is a collection which takes some fairly simple ideas and moulds them into

fresh shapes. Skerik's horn arrangements and Harwood's elastic (upright) bass playing are reminscent of Morphine's low-riding jazz-rock sound on Dark State of Mind, while Buck conjures a haunting, Twin Peaksstyle twang from a six-string bass guitar on Saturday Night Church and Dreamscape. But it is Martin who does most to define the beguiling mood of the album, thanks to his constantly imaginative use of steel drums, vibes, marimba, ing the Ethers is neither self- djembe and other non-kit percus-

A hero's return

THE laws of nature do not appear to apply to Steve Winwood, Playing a low-key club date to introduce his forthcoming album. Junction 7. he looked and sounded unnervingly unscathed by the passage of time. He might almost have been back at the Golden Eagle pub in Birmingham with his Spencer Davis Group pals.

It is probably three decades since Winwood last played this kind of shoulder-to-shoul-

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der London venue, and the Grasping for the mood of his multi-platinum, Grammywinning reign of the 1980s, the new album falls far short of vintage Winwood, but this was certainly the way to introduce it: swathed in solid gold memories and playing with a rock-solid band.

He opened with I'm a Man. trademark Hammond at full tilt and Randall Bramblett blowing a fuel-injected saxophone, and followed it with uncompromising renditions of Roll With It and While You See a Chance. The middle third of the set turned into a new album showcase, with the inevitable drop in momentum that entails. The ponderous Angel Of Mercy, for all its spirituality, lacked musical inspiration, and a cover of Sly Stone's Family Affair seemed a soft option, even if it was effectively funked-up in the style of 1970s disco aces Chic.

As he closed with Higher Love and returned for Back in the High Life and a no-holdsbarred Gimme Some Lovin', appreciation was renewed for the staying power of an artist whose boyish zeal remains intact nearly 35 years later.

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JAZZ ALBUMS

American classical composers, this one features a superbly cohesive, versatile quartet reedsman George Garzone, bassist Marc Johnson, drummer Peter Erskine - in an extraordinary range of musi-

cal settings.

Bases touched include everything from traditional Jewish, Italian and Filipino folk, through bustling straightahead modern jazz, to musical riddles. All these apparently disparate strands, however, are firmly drawn together, not only by the power and eloquence of the musicians, but also by Mainieri's aim to "sample the various symbols and myths of my experience and tell them

PAUL KIMBER

Peckham in Spring (Fictional Music FMD029) AS MIGHT be expected, given that he plays double bass with English National Opera, Paul Kimber has a rich, fullbodied tone and, as a composer, an ear for neat, attractive melodies. What is surprising though, since this is his debut jazz album, is his assurance both as improviser and band-leader. Whether he's contributing lithe, elegant solos to lightly swinging pieces or bowing sonorous introduc-tions to folkish ballads, Kimber demonstrates enough class and assurance to make his sudden arrival on the

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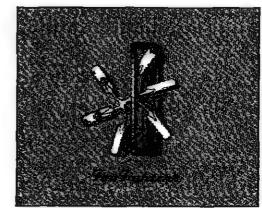
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[Judament April 25] Problems occurring in the inter-

pretation of the automatic direcsanction found in Order 17, rule II of the County Court Rules could be addressed by adopting new guidelines issued by the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal so stated in

a reserved judgment setting out the principles of law to be applied to such problems. The court had chosen in appeals and two applicarions out of more than 100 awaiting disposal in March 1997 to deal with the large number of unresolved issues on the proper LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE, giv-

ing the judgment of the court, said that the court's purpose was to resolve outstanding problems and also to provide in a single judgment a comprehensive restaten of existing authority. It should then be unnecessory in future to refer to The court hoped that the guidance might help to avoid or reduce the recurrence of satellite litigation. I Actions to which the automatic

directions including a strike-out sauction applied The rule applied to any default

or fixed date action except those listed in sub-rule (I). The scheme of Order 17 did not permit two separate regimes to run side by side in relation to the same plaint. Either there was un automatic directions regime under rule II or there was a manual directions re in which specific directions would have to be sought through the arrangements for pre-trial review prescribed in rules 1 to 10.

It followed that If a plaint contained a cause of action of a type listed in rule 11(1), even if that cause related to one defendant akine, automatic directions did not apply to that action, and specific manual directions would have to

That principle applied even if the cause of action exempted from the rule only related to a small part of the total claim. The automadirections also did not apply to third party actions or to

2 Computations of time

Computation of time for the delivery of a defence was to be governed by the general law in 1978. Where an action was transferred from the High Court, in any to be applied too. Moreover, it would be desirable if the same regime of deeming provision appfied at that stage of the process as

The scope for nearly all the disputes would be eliminated if the county court office or the district judge were to make a practice of imposing a date stamp for the date covering letter attached to the document in a High Court action. when it arrived, in order to put the actual date of receipt beyond all roum for reasonable argument.

Once the defence had been delivered to the court office, the pleadings were deemed to be closed 14 days thereafter or 28 days if there was a counterclaim. That period started immediately ofter the date of delivery of the defence to the court office.

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3 Trigger date: When did it occur in an action commenced in the

The timetable for automatic directions began to run from the date when pleadings were deemed

Three difficulties arose: (i) The defence in Form N9 or N9B, however brief, constituted a defence for the purposes of Order 9, rule 2, and the trigger date would follow 14 days after it was accompanied by a counterclaim. Any hardship that might flow must be mitigated when applying

the guidelines for reinstatement. Provided that the form delivered to court made it clear that the claim was disputed, it constituted a defence within the meaning of Order 9, rule 2 and the court need not be astute to inquire whether every relevant box had been

(ii) The second difficulty had been partly resolved by Peters v Wingfield ([1996] 1 WLR 604, 610D-F) where the court had ruled that the trigger date was to be calculated from the date of delivery of the last defence to be delivered by a defendant who was originally inined in the proceedings.

Their Lordships would answer the question left unanswered in Peters (at pol0B) by saying that if a defence was not forthcoming for any reason whatsoever from any of the original defendants, there was no trigger date and any of the other defendants who wished the action to proceed in accordance with a timetable had to apply to the court for appropriate directions.

Their Lordships made it clear that if before any defence was served by any defendant there was either a substitution of defendants or a joinder of new defendants, the reference to "original defendants" would mean the defendants in the action at the time the first defence was delivered.

(iii) If the trigger date had in fact been finally determined for the action as originally constituted, following the setting aside of any Londships were of the clear oninion that the rules made no provision for automatic directions to start running completely afresh joined to the action by later

A timetable had now been set for the action and since a plaintiff had to obtain an order to add or substitute an additional party, that was the occasion when a prudent plaintiff would seek an order amending the original timetable Alternatively, such a direction might be obtained at any rime before the guillotine date.

4 Trigger date: When did it occur in an action transferred from the High Court?

Judges had adopted different approaches to the identification of the date of transfer. it was long established that the

High Court retained jurisdiction over cases transferred until such time as the requisite administrative action had been taken to lodge the papers, including the High Court order, in the county

Notwithstanding that the order for transfer had been sealed, the High Court would retain jurisdic-tion over the action until it was transferred to the county court. Their Lordships had no doubt

that the date of transfer was the date when the relevant documents were first received by the proper officer of the county court in compliance with the requirements of rule 6. directions to contrary effect, the trigger date occurred automati-14 days after the date of transfer. Any High Court directions that continued to have effect allowing transfer would override the automatic directions in so far as they were inconsistent with

5 Effect of County Court Form

If the sending out of the form, whether or not properly completed or including a date, involved no exercise of judicial discretion, so that there was no judicial intention alter the mandatory effect of the rule and the trigger date was still calculated from the acrual date of delivery of the defence at the court

6 Effect of particular county court practices

The practice of ordering a pretrial review on receipt of a request to fix a hearing date did not of itself take an action out of the automatic expectation that an order of that kind might in due course be made did not excuse the parties from complying with automatic direc-

7 Application of Order 17, rule 11 to cases falling outside that rule It was not open to the court to provisions of Order 17, rule 11 to actions which were expressly excepted by that rule or to which the rule did not apply, for example counterclaims; or, in cases of

transfer from the High Court, where the action was commenced before October 1, 1990 or transferred before July 1, 1991: see Tarry v Humberclyde Finance Ltd (1996) WLR 610. The same reason applied to excepted cases with even greater force.

The question remained whether such orders had any effect at all. With the exception of counterclaims they did, since they could, just, be read and understood as shorthand for applying the relesanctions, that were to be found in Order 17, rule 11, particularly in sub-rule (3). However.in their Lordships' view, that form of shorthand was highly undestrable. In the future, court orders must

spell out plainly and precisely what the parties were to do and when they were to do it and the present form of shorthand was not to be employed. in such cases their Lordships

emphasised that the principles governing the orders that could be made and the sanctions for failure to comply were not those in Order 17, rule if but were governed by the general law: see Costellow v Somerset County Council (1993) 1 8 Extensions of time

it seemed that there should be one simple rule, namely that orders for an extension of time should be treated as fixing the period within which a request for a bearing date should be made. unless the order itself made plainly

Director of Public Prosecu-

Before Lord Justice McCowan and

A defence of insanity could only be

raised where guilty intent was an

essential element of the offence.

Therefore because a charge of

driving with excess alcohol was a strict liability offence and no mens

rea was required, insanity was not

available as a defence.
The Queen's Bench Divisional

appeal brought by the prosecution by way of case stated from a

decision of Caistor Justices on

October 2, 1996 acquitting the

defendant on the ground of insan-ity in respect of a charge of driving

remined to the justices for rehear-

Mr Justice Poppiewell

Judgment April 15

tions v H

new guillotine date was being

Thus orders extending the time for setting down the action, or for requesting a date, would not be read as extending the guillotine date to the expiry of the period of the extension, but as bringing into effect the words in brackets in subrule (9), so that the guillotine date expiry of the extended period for

It was for the courts in appro-priate cases to specify the guillotine date in clear and express terms in their orders. For the avoidance of than one extension, the same rules the guillotine date in the absence of clear and express language to the contrary, would be nine months from the expiry of the last

9 Fixing the hearing date: What stituted requesting a date for

Perry v Wong (The Times December 9, 1997; [1997] 1 WLR 388; Ferreira v American Embassy Employees Association (11996) Federation Brewery Ltd (The Times January 18, 1990); Ashworth v McKay Foods Ltd (1996) | WLR 542); Ever & Ever v WT Partner-(The Times January 9, 1997)

Their Lordships were unwilling stricter test of what constituted a request might not be appropriate. was not easy to reconcile intention of the rulemaker with the decision in Ferreira.

It appeared that the only way to eve a logically consistent interpretation giving effect to the words n brackets in rule 11(9) was to hold that the implied request for a hearing date carried with it a implication that if the application was granted in whole or in part, the request was with-It appeared to their Lordships

that the position could be put thus: (i) An express request for a hearing date could be made in any form, for example, orally to the district judge, and without compliance with the formalities of paying a fee or complying with rule 11(5). Whether an express request was an effective request would essen-tially be a question of fact for the

(ii) An application for an extension of time for requesting a hearing date, or an extension to the guillotine date, by implication contained a request to fix a hearing date, but if the application wa granted, in whole or in part, the implied request was treated as

No other applications, for example, to extend the other or automatic directions or to appeal against interlocutory orders while the timetable was running carried with them any such implied

(lii) Any request could be withdrawn and thereby nullified. The

Mr Nicholas Dean for the prosecution; the defendant did not

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN

said that every man was assumed

to be same at the time of an alleged

offence so that the burden of establishing insanity was on the

Here it was accepted that the

defendant suffered from manic

depressive psychosis, an illness which involved symptoms of dis-

torted judgment and impaired sense of time and morals, and that

he had been behaving particularly

irrationally on the day the offence

The justices had had their atten-

tion drawn to R v Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Ex parte K (The Times February 22, 1996; [1997] QB 23) which had decided,

was committed.

accused on a balance

appear and was not represented.

implied request identified in Ferreira was withdrawn by any grant of an extension. Other requests could be withdrawn and it was essentially a question of fact for the judge whether that had

(iv) For the avoidance of doubt. the questions whether an application for summary judgment, or an interlocutory judgment, for example on an admission, or for an order for the trial of a preliminary issue constituted requests for a hearing date did not arise.

That was because in all those situations the automatic directions regime would have been ousted (see below). "Setting down" was inapposite language for the county court, but an order requesting an action to be set down was clearly a within the meaning of the rule. 10 Fixing a hearing date: Who

could apply to fix the date? If no date had already been fixed by the court of its own motion or on the application of any other party, it was the plaintiff who had to fulfil the obligation required of him by rule 11(3)(d) if he was to prevent the automatic strike-out sanction taking effect under rule 11(9).

A request by the plaintiff personally sufficed to satisfy the rule, provided that it was not subsequently withdrawn. A plaintiff might also make a request for the purposes of rule 11(3)(d) through a defendant or third party provided he properly authorised them as his agents to make the request on his behalf and the court was informed that the plaintiff had so authorised

II Once automatic directions had started to apply, how might they express manual direction to that

It was clear that automatic directions ceased to apply in two situations: see Downer & Downer Ltd v Brough: Protim Services Ltd v Newcomb (1996) I WLR 575). The same principles would apply whether the directions were given originally in the High Court and continued to apply on transfer, or whether they were given for the first dime in the county court.

Furthermore, if the automatic part of the claim, they would cease to apply to the whole action. Once automatic directions had been ousted, they would not reapply automatically. The court could manually reapply equivalent directions, but such an order the trigger date and guillotine date

Where directions were given that might impinge on the autofor the order to deal expressly with the operation of the automatic directions, to concentrate minds on be disapplied or not.

That was a practice which their

Lordships believed was now happening and was greatly to be

a defendant in a summary trial,

and the defendant relied on that as

authority for the proposition that insanity was a defence to any charge. However, it was clear that

insanity could only be a defence to

an appropriate charge; that is one in which mens rea was in issue.

The offence of driving with excess alcohol under section 5(1)(a)

of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and

Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic

Offenders Act 1988 was a strict

liability offence for which no mens

rea was required and therefore the

Solicitors: CPS, Lincoln,

Insanity defence irrelevant defence of insanity was available to

If a date was fixed before 15 reapply to fix a further date.
If the automatic directions app-

lied to the action in the later case it would be open to the court to impose a new guillotine date to applied, provided it was done in clear terms. Their Lordships considered as to

detence of insanity was not avail able. Accordingly the case would rehearing with a direction to Mr Justice Popplewell agreed.

ments and stays
Their Lordships referred to

Gomes v Clark (The Times March 17, 1997), where automatic directions were ousted if an interlocu-tory judgment was entered on all issues of liability in the action. and Whitehead v Avon County Council (The Times March 17 1997) where they were ousted if an order was made staying the action, even if the stay would only be

13 Ouster: Default judgment
A judgment in default fell into a different category because no ques-tion of ouster arose since no defence had been delivered. If such a judgment were set aside, how-ever, the situation was different, delivered and there was no reason why automatic directions should not apply in the usual way. 14 Ouster: Applications for sum-mary and interlocatory judgment Their Lordships would now go

rather further than was necess in Gomes. An application for summary judgment or an inter-locutory judgment on an ad-mission could not be said to constitute a request for a hearing date within the meaning of rule (1(3)(d), but that kind of application against any defendant took the whole action outside the ambit of automatic directions, since autowith taking the action forward to a

Order 9, rule 14(4) seemed to their Lordships to have been framed in a way which showed that as soon as an application for summary judgment was made there was no immediate scope for the continuing application of any provisions of Order 17, whether automatic or manual.

An application for an interiocu-

tory judgment or admission entered on paper under Order 9, rule 2 or otherwise under Order 9, rule b was simply inconsistent with the automatic directions continuing to

On an application for summary judgment where a defendant was given leave to defend, automatic directions would follow close of pleadings. Where a defence had aiready been delivered manual directions must be given.

15 Ouster: Directions for the trial of a preliminary base in their Lordships view, the

existence of an order for the trial of a preliminary issue, together with any directions for the trial of that issue, would be inconsistent with the continuing application of automatic directions to any part of the action, whether or not that issue was subsequently tried. The trial of a preliminary issue would need its own set of manual directions.

One reason why it would be

continued to apply was that ap-peals from any such orders might take matters well beyond the guillotine date. It was right to emphasise that it could not be reasonably suggested that in some way or other the automatic directions timetable was sitspended or extended while appeals on other interlocutory matters, such as

discovery, were pursued in an action to which the automatic directions would otherwise apply. 16 Fixing a date

months expired, even if vacated, their Lordships considered it was so fixed as to release the plaintiff from the obligation under rule 11(3)(d), but it would be within the court's control either to re-fix a date or reimoose the obligation to

what constituted "the fixing of a day" that a direction for a proper officer of the court that a case should come on for hearing during a defined period did fix a date for trial and the plaintiff's obligations under II(3)(d) ceased.

Rastin y British Steel plc (1994)! WLR 732) established that the court had power under Order 13. rule 4 retrospectively to extend the time for applying for a date for trial and thus to reinstate proceedings automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11. The existence of the power could

not be questioned, but debate arose about the criteria to be applied by or not to reinstate the action. Such decisions were made in the exercise of a discretion vested in the

Two categories of case existed, Rastin gave guidance on how the discretion should be exercised in the first category. In summary the guidelines to be applied, bearing the object of the rule in mind were: (i) Had the plaintiff satisfied the

court that, apart from his failure to request a date for trial, he was innocent of any significant failure to conduct the case with expedition between the trigger date and the guillotine date, having regard to the particular features of the case? If he had not then reinstatement

(ii) Had the plaintiff satisfied the court that in all the circumstances his failure to apply for a date was excusable; that is, should be for-given? If he had not, then again reinstatement should be refused.

(iii) Had the plaintiff satisfied the court that the balance of justice indicated that the action should be reinstated? If not then once again reinstatement should be refused. What had to be emphasised was

that each case depended on its own facts. It was quite illegistrate to trawl through the decided cases, or the present cases, in an attempt to ense the exercise of the discretion by showing that the court in the instant case did not adopt the same approach.

The second main category of cases was where the failure to apply for a date for the trial had been caused by something that had genuinely and reasonably misled the plaintiff or advisers: Again the reason for the category lay in the object of the rule.

Coaches (a Firm) (1996) 1 WLR 553) which concerned an error by court administration, laid down a different guideline. There was no reason in principle

why the category should not extend to any case where the plaintiff was genuinely and reasonably misled, whether by the court, defendants or others. Equally it seemed to their Lord-

ships that the second category was not limited to cases where the plaintiff was misled into believing the wrong guillotine date, but would include came where he was misled into genuinely and reasonably believing there was no guillo-

In order to rely on that ground for reinstatement, the plaintiff had to satisfy the court that had he not been so misled he would have the guillotine date. What must also be emphasised

was that the second category was not available to relieve plaintiffs

from their own internal problems.

Finally their Lordships stated that the assessment of the weight or otherwise to be given to the circumstances of the case was a maner for the court in the exercise of its discretion. Again it was illegitimate to trawl through the

cases to seek to show that the count

below had not adopted the same

weighting as in other cases. As with the first category, the Court of Appeal would only inter-fere if satisfied that the decision was so plainly wrong that the court, must have failed properly in apply the applicable guidelines.

When deciding whether to reinstate, the court should also bear in mind that it would defeat the object of the exercise to indule in a tion of the facts. There was no basis for suggest-

ing that agreements or inder-standings between the parties should provide a separate tissis for

Their Lordships deprecated any attempt to reformulate, as opposed to restate, the guidelines in the two enterorries discrissed.

A further question was whether once a guillotine date had passed! an action might be reinstated if a court made an order giving new manual directions for its future timetable when both count and parties were oblivious that the guillotine had fallen.

In their Lordships' judyment. such an order could not have that that unless the plaintiff could show that he had prosecuted his case with at least reasonable diligence a retrospective application to extend time would not succeed.

Their Lordships' clear view was that where the court reinstated an action in which there was more not reinstated against any defendant who had not been given due notice of the application to re-instate and who accordingly had been deprived of the opportunity to respond to it.
It was also their Lordships clear

view that if a court declared an action to be struck out, that order would continue in full firce and effect until it was set aside or there was an order for reinstatement. 18 Fresh proceedings after auto-

matic strike-out Their Lordships Gardner v Southwark London Borough Council (No 2) (1996) WLR Soij. Conclus

It would be apparent that the introduction of the automatic strike-out sonction had caused great difficulties for many involved in county court litigation. Many courts were now depart-

ing entirely from the attomatic strike-out approach to the managefor the trial at an early stage in appropriate cases. In effect those courts had taken a prouctive role in menaging the action. That approach, reinforced by a

much tougher approach of the courts to pardoning delays n the run-up to the date fixed for trial.

Oral evidence power was followed even though there-Cole v Kivelis (a Firm)

A trial judge in civil litigation retained an unfettered discretion to require a witness to give evidence

orally despite the requirement in Practice Direction (Civil litiga-tion: Case management) (1995) I WLR 252) that, unless otherwise ordered, witness statements should stand as the evidence in chief of the witness concerned. The Practice Direction was not to be inflexibly applied.
The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Mummery) so held in a reserved judgment on. March 25 when ordering a remai and allowing an appeal by five plaintiffs against the dismissal by Mr. Justice Mantell on July 14, 1995 of their claim against Kivells. LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY

said that the Practice Direction

was a conflict of evidence on a crudal issue. To the extent that the winess

latements revealed that there was no factual dispute, it was sensible that witness statements should stand as evidence in chief. That was consistent with the remirements of fairness, expedition and SEVINE COSTS. Even where directions were

given for the pre-trial exchange of witness statements, the trial judge retained an unfertered discretion to require a witness to give rvidence It would have been appropriate

to have asked the judge to exercise his discretion so that keywitnesses could have given their evidence in chief orally on the issies where there was conflict of fact.

Luxembourg

European Law Report

Three-month limit for discrimination compensation lawful

Draehmpaehi v Urania Immobilienservice ohG Case C-180/95

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias. President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, L. Sevon, C. N. Kakouris, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, G. Hirsch, H. Ragnemalm. Wathelet and R. Schintgen Advocate General P. Lèger (Opinion January 14)

The Community directive on equal treatment for men and women in matters of employment did not preclude provisions of national law which limited to a maximum of three months' putative salary the amount of compensation clamable by an unsuccessful job applicant who had been discriminated against, if the employer could prove that the applicant would not have been engaged even if there had been no discrimination

in the selection process. It did preclude the prescribing of such a limit if the applicant would have been appointed if there had been no discrimination. The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held. inter alia. on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty made by the Arbensgericht (Labour Court).

German law contained the following provisions:

1 Except in specified circumstances, an employer could not offer a job only to workers of a particular sex.
2 If an employer was liable for a

breach of the prohibition of discrimination, the applicant

discriminated against could claim

months earnings, being what he or she would have been entitled to arn by working normal hours in the establishment. 3 Where a number of persons were discriminated against, the aggregate amount of compensation was limited on application by the

The plaintiff, Mr Nils Draehmpaehl, applied by letter for a post advertised in a newspaper, where it was stated that Urania was seeking an experienced female assistant in its sales management denartment. Uranta did not reply accompanying the application. The plaintiff brought proceed

ings claiming that he was the bes qualified applicant for the position and that he had been discriminated against on the ground of sex The Arbeitsgericht, after deciding that the plaintiff had been discriminated against on the ground of sex, referred to the Court concerning the interpretation of articles 2(1) and 3(1) of Council Directive 76/2/7/EEC of February 9, 1976 on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions (OJ 1976 L39 p40). Article 2 provides: "(1) ... the principle of coual treatment shall

ndirectly. . ." Article 3 provides: "(I) Application of the principle of equal treatment means that there shall be no discrimination whatsoever on grounds of sex in the conditions.

discrimination whatsnever on

grounds of sex either directly or

including selection criteria, for access to all jobs or posts. . .* In its judgment the Court of Justice held:

In view of the judgment in Dekker v Stichting VIV-Centrum Plus ([1990] ECR 1-3941), Directive 76/207 precluded provisions of domestic law which, as in the case of the relevant German law, made reparation of damage suffered as a result of discrimination on the ground of sex in the making of an appointment subject to the requirement of fault.

The directive required that if a member state chose to penalise breaches of the prohibition of discrimination by the award of compensation, that compensation must be such as to guarantee real and effective judicial protection. have a real determent effect on the employer, and in any event be adequate in relation to the damage sustained. Purely nominal compensation would not satisfy the requirements of an effective transposition of the directive: Case 14/83 von Colson v Land Nord-rhein-Westfalen (1984) ECR (891). The German Government's

that compensation consisting of a maximum of three nominal and represented an appreciable and dissuasive financial burden could not be regarded as well founded. Moreover, in choosing the

ments of Community law were

penalised under conditions, both

procedural and substantive, which

were analogous to those applicable

appropriate solution for guar-untering that the objective of the directive was attained, the member states had to ensure that infringe-

man law placed on compensation a specific ceiling which was not provided for by other provisions of domestic civil and labour law. It followed that provisions of

domestic law which, unlike other provisions of domestic civil and abour law, prescribed an upper limit of three months salary for the compensation which could be obtained in the event of discrimina-tion on the ground of sex in the making of an appointment did not fulfil the requirements stated The next question to be consid-

ered was whether that answer applied equally to job applicants who, because the successful applicant had superior qualifica-tions, would not have obtained the position even if the selection pro-cess had been free of discrimination, the first category, and to those who would have obtained the position if the selection process had been carried out without discrimination, the second

Although reparation must be adequate in relation to the damage sustained, it could take account of no discrimination in the selection process, some applicants would not have obtained the position to be filled since the one appointed had superior qualifications.

It was indisputable that such applicants, not having suffered any damage through exclusion from the recruitment procedure could not claim that the extent of the damage they had sustained was the same as that sustained by applicants who would have obtained the position if there had

been no discrimination in the The only damage suffered by an applicant in the first category was that resulting from the failure to

take his application into consideration, whereas an applicant in the second category suffered damage as a result of a refusal to engage him owing specifically to discrimination on the ground of It did not seem unreasonable for a member state to lay down a

statutory presumption that the damage suffered by an applicant in the first category could not exceed a ceiling of three months In that regard, it was for the employer, who had in his pos-session all the applications submit-

ted, to adduce proof that the applicant would not have obtained the vacant position even if there had been no discrimination. It was clear that a provision such as the German one which placed a ceiling of six months salary on the aggregate amount of compensa-tion in the case of compensation claims by several applicants, could lead to the award of reduced compensation and have the effect of dissuading applicants harmed

by discrimination from asserting their rights. Such a consequence would not represent real and effective judicial protection and would have no really dissuasive effect on the employer, as required by the

On those grounds, the Court of Justice ruled: When a member state chose to penalise, under rules governing civil liability, breach of the prohibition of discrimination, Direcarticles 20) and 30) thereof, pre-cluded provisions of lomestic law which made reparation of damage suffered as a result of discrimina tion on the ground of sex in the making of an appoinment subject to the requirement of fault. 2 Directive 76/207 did not preclude provisions of domesic law which

prescribed an upper limit of three months salary for the amount of compensation which could be claimed by an applicant where the employer could prove that because the applicant engaged had superior qualifications, the unsuccessful applicant would not have obtained the vacant position even if there had been, no discrimination in the selection

In contrast, the directive pre-cluded provisions of domestic late. which, unlike other provisions of domestic civil and labour law prescribed an upper limit of three months salary for the amount of compensation which could be compensation which could be claimed by an applicant discriminated against on the ground of serin the making of an appointment where that applicant would have obtained the vacant position if the selection process had been carried out without discrimination.

provisions of domestic law which unlike other provisions of domestic. civil and labour law, imposed a ceiling of six months camings on the aggregate amount of compensation which, where several applicants claimed compensation, could be claimed by applicants who had been discriminated agreement agents.

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State immunity for alleged breach of undertaking

Propend Finance Pty Ltd and appeal of the second defendant, the national Co-operation) Act 1990

Others v Sing and Another Commissioner of the Australian and Schedule! to the Police and Federal Police (AFP), against the Criminal Evidence Act 1984, to Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord-Justice Pill and Mr Justice Mance

[Judgment April 17] A police officer in the Australian Federal Police Force, an accredited diplomat in the Australian High of documents relating to an Australian company held by London solicitors and accountants, and seized by the Metropolitan December 1993, but could proceed Police pursuant to a direction of the Home Secretary in response to

and under warrants, did not waive his diplomatic immunity when he allegedly breached undertakings given to a High Court judge not to remove the documents from the court's jurisdiction for seven days. In any event the actions of the police officer and, if he was vicariously liable, the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police, were entitled to state immunity from the jurisdiction of the

a request by the Attorney-General

of the Commonwealth of Australia

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when it dis-missed the appeal of the plaintiffs, Propend Finance Pry Ltd, Richard-Scheinberg Holdings Pry Ltd, Chusan Nominees Pry Ltd, Ginges Holdings Pry Ltd, Evenstyle Pry Ltd, Barney Richard Scheinberg, Afhert Scheinberg, Barnel Ginges

order of Mr Justice Laws dated March 14, 1996, that proceedings for contempt of court could not proceed against the first defen-dant, Detective Superintendent Alan Sing, an officer of the AFP and serving as First Secretary (Police Liaison) at the Australian High Commission between December 1989 and shortly after

against the second defendant. Mr Nigel Pleming, QC and Mr James Lewis for the plaintiffs; Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr David Mayhew, solicitor, for the

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT. giving the judgment of the court, said that in August 1993 the Attorney-General of Australia sought assistance from the United Kingdom government, pursuant to the Scheme relating to Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Assistance in Commonwealth, adopted at the meeting of Commonwealth Law Ministers held in Harare, Zimbahwe, 1986

(Comm Law Bulletin, October 1986), to obtain a court order for search warrants in respect of documents and information relat-

apply for warrants to search for the relevant material.

Application for the search warrants was made to the court by Detective Constable Pryer of the Metropolitan Police in October. The first defendant was present and gave evidence on oath as to the nature of the offence alleged.

Following the grant of the warrants, documents relating to the stiffs were seized from the offices in London of Theodore Goddard, solicitors, and Stein Richards, accountants.

The plaintiffs sought injunctive relief before Mr Justice Potts, at which hearing the first defendant, represented by counsel, gave undertakings on his own behalf but not on behalf of the AFP that the documents seized would not be wed from the jurisdiction for seven days, in particular that copies of documents would not be

Unbeknown to the plaintiffs, extracts of the documents were sent by fax to Australia during the seven-day period. In the mean-time, the plaintiffs obtained leave to move for judicial review of the decision to issue the search war-rants. A fresh undertaking was made by the Commonwealth of Australia, not the first defendant, to maintain the relief afforded by

relief by making a consent order sealing the seized documents, ordering their removal from the High Commission and preventing their use until the matter wa finally determined

In March 1994 the Divisional Court quashed the decision to issue Secretary's decision to issue the

Towards the end of 1994 the plaintiffs realised that the under takings had been breached and claimed the fax was widely disseminated in Australia. The defendants admitted breach of court orders of December 1993 and March 1994, but the Attorney-General of Australia by letter Justice Potts in October 1993.

Having considered the confusing evidence as to what happened at the hearing before Mr Justice Potts, his Lordship said that the court agreed with the findings of Mr Justice Laws that there was no ice Laws that there was no express waiver of immunity by the first defendant, within the meaning of article 32 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Rela-tions (1961) (Crural 2565), scheduled to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964, at that hearing by his giving

The court further agreed with Mr Justice Laws' conclusion that proceedings were initiated by DC Fryer, pursuant to the 1984 and wealth of Australia by its request to the United Kingdom govern-

Section 7 of the 1990 Act emdirect an application to the English courts pursuant to a request from overseas. Such a request could not amount to the initiation of proceedings for the purposes of article 32(3) of the Vienna Convention.

Neither the first defendant nor his government had power to make the relevant application to the court. The application had to be made by the English police. As to the plaintiffs' submission

that when the first defendant gave his undertakings and broke them a few days later he was acting as an concluded from the evidence that defendant were acts performed by him in the exercise of his functions as a member of the diplomatic

He appeared on the London Diplomatic List in June 1993. His government had an obvious in-terest in the satisfactory operation

or me Harare Scheme.

In co-operating as he did with DC Fryer's application, the first defendant was exercising functions as the High Commission's police liaison officer. Some police functions might be clothed with diplomatic immunity that are the lomatic immunity just as the functions of military or cultural attaches might be. Thus the plain-tiffs' appeal failed.

begun against the second defendant in June 1995 on the basis that he was vicariously liable for the first defendant's contempt.

Having considered the procedural difficulties of the plain case, his Lordship said that there was no evidence that the second defendant gave any undertakings to the High Court. On that basis the court would have dismissed proceedings against him on the ground that they clearly lacked any merit

The defendants, however, contended, inter alia, that the second defendant was entitled to immunity as he was part of the state of Australia within the meaning of section 14(1) of the State Immunity Act 1978, or alternatively under section 14(2) as a separate entity.

Mr Justice Laws had concluded position to the police in the United kingdom, that is, holders of an independent office under the Crown and fulfilling public duties of maintenance and enforcement

He regarded as bizzere the evidence of the defendants' expert witness that every member of the AFP was part of the executive cted the case that the second (411) and that the question raised The court could not follow the

was concerned, first, to define, for the purposes of English law, what was a state and, second, to give effect to article 27 of the European Convention on State Immunity (1972) (Cmnd 5081) and the entities

contemplated therein. The expression "sovereign authority" used in the article was adopted in the section although without the words "acta jure imperii" which appeared in many English and foreign cases on state immunity.

In their Lordships' view "government" in section [4(1) had to be given a broader meaning than the judge gave when he referred to it as the executive branch of

A broad reading corresponded with the requirement of comity and with a body of law from many countries on the scope of sovereign immunity as a concept which covered acta jure imperii. Parliament had that jurisprudence in

mind when enacting the 1978 Act. It would be curious, while the expression "sovereign authority" appeared only in section [4(2) dealing with separate entities and not in section 14(1) dealing with government", if separate entities were immune from jurisdiction in proceedings relating to acts done by them in the exercise of sovstrued in the light of the concept of

Once it was established that the concept of acta jure imperii existed in English law (see Kuwait Airway) Corporation v Iraqi Airways Co ([1995] 1 WLR 1147, 1159-1160) it was, in the court's view, relevant to a determination of what bodies were part of the state and the "government" for the purpose of

"Government" should not be confined to what in other contexts would in English law mean the Government of the United Kingdom. Once the broad scope of was accepted, the performance of police functions was essentially a part of governmental activity.

In the United Kingdom there might be an understandable reluc tance to characterise the activities But that was because, in a domesnarrower shades of meaning than

text reflected in section 14. in the circumstances, the court dant's activities and, if vicarious those of the second defendant were covered by state immunity. The first defendant was part of the the meaning of that term in section

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No contempt in newspaper's trivial breach

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Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Latham and Mr Justice Poole

[Judgment April 25] Where it was sought to impose indirect liability for contempt of court on a third party for interfer-ence with the administration of justice it was necessary to show not that in the relevant proceedings the administration of justice had been wholly frustrated but that there had been a significant and adverse

effect on it. Since restraints on freedom of expression should be no wider than were necessary in a demo-cratic society, a third party's concourt order in only a trivial or, technical way should not expose him to conviction for contempt.

Where, therefore, documents had been disclosed to appellants and their legal advisers under a court order which restricted their use to the forthcoming appeal and prohibited their retention on its conclusion, a newspaper had not significantly interfered with the having obtained the documents from another source, it published of the documents which had been quoted in marginally shorter pas-

sages in the Court of Appeal's judgment given in open court. The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the Attorney-General's motion to commit for contempt of court, Newspaper Publishing pic, the owner and publisher of The Independent, Mr. ian Hargeaves, its editor at the material time, and Mr Christopher Blackhurst, a journalist employed by the newspaper, for acts alleged to interiere with the due administration of justice in appeals by Mr Blackledge, Mr Grecian, Mr Mason and Mr Phillips, the Ordrech appeals, against their convictions for offences under the Export of Goods (Control) Orders (SI 1987 No 2070 and Si 1989 No 2367) (see: The Times November 8, 1995; [1996] I

Cr App R 326). in July 1995 the Court of Appeal had directed that a series of sensitive documents covered by public interest immunity certificates and crucial to the appeal be disclosed in edited and and their legal advisers. The order also restricted use of the material to the appeal and required the return of the documents and all copies on its conclusion.

At that time The Independent carried a news story, not written by of the outcome of that hearing. In November 1995 judgment on the appeal, containing quotations of short passages from two of the documents, was given in open

On that occasion prosecuting counsel reminded the court of the July order and asked for return of the documents. In directing their return Lord Taylor, Lord Chief Justice, indicated that breach of the order would result in the matter being referred to the Attorney

A representative of the newspaper, present in court, collected a written copy of the judgment and having heard comunity exchange tioned it to the newspaper. Mr Blackhurst who had ob-

tained documents relating to the case from another source sought to clarify whether there was any prohibition on his including them in his report of the appeal. Telephone calls were accord-

ingly made to the acting deputy registrar of criminal appeals who was the relevant case lawyer and to the Lord Chief Justice's private secretary. From the former, Mr Lord Chief Justice's remarks had been directed to the parties.

in its report the newspaper published in facsimile form parts of two of the documents which had the judgment

The Attorney-General com-plained of the facsimile form in which the documents appeared and of the inclusion of words which had not been included in the

Mr Philip Havers, QC and Mr lan Burnett for the Amorney-General: Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Justin Rushbrooke for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, referring to the actus reus of contempt, said that the Attorney-General accepted that the July

the world and that the newspaper respondents had not been directly bound by it. There was no suggestion of breach by the Ordisch appellants or their legal advisers or in turn of the newspaper siding or abetting any breach.

Mr Havers, in reliance on Attorney-General v Newspaper Publishing plc (1988) Ch 333) and Attorney-General v Times Newspapers Ltd ([1992] 1 AC 191), had submitted that if a third party with the requisite knowledge and intent so acted as to frustrate or undermine the basis on which a court had determined that justice should be administered, then he was. guilty of contempt because he thereby interescred with the due administration of justice.

Mr Gray submitted that that authority represented an extension of the law as previously under-stood and that the court should be slow to extend the law still further, since any such extension en-croached on fundamental rights of free expression and tended to inhibit the exercise by the media of their proper function of informing the public.

The court accepted his submission that a third party should not be held liable for contempt in acting inconsistently with a court order unless that order was clear and precise both in its effect and scope. Plainly no one should be in peril of suffering a criminal pen-alty for contempt unless the order which he was said to have infringed was clear.

He had submitted that it was not any conduct inconsistent with a court order which would support a finding of contempt but that, in reliance on Attorney-General v Leveller Magazine Ltd ([1979] AC 440), Attorney-General v News-paper Publishing plc and Attor-ney-General v Times Newspapers Ltd. to be criminally contemptuous, conduct had in a substanti way to defeat, frustrate, under-mine, nullify or set at naught the object which the court had sought

to achieve by its order. The court did not think that in the documents in the July order the court's prime concern had been the protection of national security since that seemed to have been thought adequately protected by the reductions and summaries. It inferred that in July 1995 the as was usual in the case of compulsory disclosure of confiden-tial documents, that the disclosure to promote the just determination

It might, but only as a subsidiary object, have wished to prevent the issues being fully ventilated, with reference to the documents, in the media before the appeal was the appellants and their legal advisers and was not in its terms expressed to bind anyone who might succeed in obtaining the documents from any other source.

The court did not accept that any conduct by a third party inconsis tent with a court order was enough to constitute the actus reus of contempt. Where it was sought to impose indirect liability on a third party the justification for doing so lay in that party's interference with the administration of justice.

It was not necessary to show that the administration of justice in the relevant proceedings had been wholly frustrated or rendered utterly futile, but it was necessary to show some significant and adverse effect on it.

Recognising that the restraints on freedom of expression should he no wider that were truly the court did not accept that conduct by a third party which was inconsistent with a court order in only a trivial or technical way for contempt.

The breaches committed here were very minor. It was hard to conceive how publication of the additional words caused any harm to anyone.
Reminding itself that the

proceedings were criminal or quasi-criminal, the court did not conclude that reproduction of the form of the documents amounted to a significant interference with the administration of justice. On the question of mens rea both parties had accepted the test propounded in Attorney-General v spaper Publishing plc (at p374) that to show contempt it had to be established, to the criminal standard of proof, that the conduct complained of was specifically intended to impede or prejudice the administration of justice, and such intent could be inferred from all the circumstances.

Mr Hargreaves and Mr Blackhurst both knew that the court had in July made the documents available to the appel-lants but denied that they had known the full terms of the order or of any restrictions then im-

Neither of them had in mind the contemporaneous report in The Independent nor had occasion to refer back to it. The court had no doubt that their denials were truthful and accurate.

On the question of their knowledge of the exchange between the prosecution and the Lord Chief Justice it was clear that their colleague in court had alerted them to it but he had in all to the effect of any order.

That was why they went to the lengths they did to try to obtain an answer to that. Their approaches to the Lord Chief Justice's office, although unituitful, represented a seruine and bona fide attempt to restriction on publication.

It was significant that the case lawyer did not mention the July order, or the existence of any previous order. In tacitly inviting her to seek the instructions of the Lord Chief Justice, Mr Blackhurst approached as close to the fountainhead as he feit able. When the final decision to

publish was taken Mr Hargreaves was uncertain what the effect of the understand that any order had been made binding on the press. He believed that the newspaper could properly publish extracts from the documents quoted in the count's judgment without infringing any order made.

When the court had seen the publication the natural inference was that the appellants or their advisers had breached the court's order and that the newspaper had aided and abetted that breach.

It was not at all surpising that the Lord Chief Justice had invited the Attorney-General to look into the matter. The present application was a proper one for the Attorney-General to have made in perfor mance of his public duty.

of contempt nor the requisite mens application would be dismissed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor:

Date of knowledge for limitation

Saxby v Morgan Before Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Mummery

Liudgment April 221 in a personal injury action the date of a plaintiff's knowledge for the purposes of the Limitation Act 1980 was the date on which the plaintiff first acquired knowledge of causally relevant facts essential to the cause of action. It was not the date of the plaintiff first acquiring the knowledge that the defendant's act or omission was actionable.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mrs Margaret Saxby, and upholding the decision of Mr Justice Rix in Brighton District Registry on July 31, 1995, to set aside the grant of an ex parte order extending the time for service of her writ in an action for medical negligence against the defendant, Dr Paul Morgan.

Mr Michael Hartman for the plaintiff; Mr Andrew Hockton for

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that following the birth of her second child in 1988, Mrs Saxby decided she did not want more children. She took contraceptive nills on mescription.

In July 1991 she went to her health centre stating that she had stomach pains and that her periods had stooged. Neither then por on two subsequent visits was pregnancy diagnosed. On September 24, 1991, follow-

ing an ultrasound scan, she discovered she was pregnant and was seen by the defendant, Dr Morgan. She requested an abortion but was told by Dr Morgan that she was "too far gone". Mrs Saxby's third child, a son, was born in February 1992.

Mrs Saxby's claim against Dr Morgan included the allegation that had he made inquiries he would have confirmed her on September 24 as being 18 to 19 weeks pregnant and thus within the 24-week time limit for an abortion laid down in section I of The writ in the action was issued

by the deadline for service in December 1994. On December 12,

1994, the plaintiff's solicitors obtained an ex parie order extending the time for service to April 1995. On an application by the defendant a district judge set aside the order. Mrs Saxby's appeal from that decision was dismissed by the

It was common ground that Mrs Saxby's action was for damages for negligence in respect of personal uries: see sections 11(1) and 38(1) of the 1980 Act and Walkin v South Manchester Health Authority (1995) I WLR (\$43). It was also common ground that

the cause of action against Dr Morgan for negligent advice resulting in the continuation of Mrs Saxby's pregnancy, accrued on September 24, 1991. The focus of the argument was on the date of knowledge of Mrs Saxby and whether it was later

than the date when the cause of action accrued. The judge was right to dismiss Mrs Saxby's appeal. The limitation period ran from September 24. 1991 and expired after the writ was

The extension of the validity of the writ deprived Or Morgan of the accrued benefit of the limitation defence and the judge was entitled to conclude that there was serve the writ within four months of its issue.

that conclusion arguing that the plaintiff's date of knowledge was later than the date on which the cause of action accrued and that the limitation period had not expired at the date when the made so that avoidance of delay and the saving of costs involved in issuing a fresh writ constituted good reason for making an exten-

He submitted that the three-year limitation period did not start to run until October 1992 when Mrs Saxby's solicitors received Dr Morgan's notes which recorded that he had advised her that she was five months pregnant. She was thus within the statutory 24-

week period.

The basis of that submission was that Dr Morgan had, by his

negligent advice that Mrs Saxby was "too far gone", misled Mrs Saxby about the possibility of a lawful termination and that in consequence she lacked knowledge Sentember 1991 and down to October 1992, of the fact that she could have had a lawful termina-

tion of her pregnancy.

Those submissions were inconsistent with the approach to the issue of the date of knowledge required by section 14 of the 1980 Act and see Broadly v Guy Clapham (1994) 4 All ER 439),

Dobble v Medway Health Au-thority (1994) I WLR 1234), Forbes v Wandsworth Health Authority (1996) 3 WLR 1108) and Spargo v North Esser District Health Authority (The Times March 21, 1997). Section 14 related to the date on which knowledge was first ac-quired by the plaintiff of certain relevant facts essential to

the cause of action. Those facts were the significance was capable of being attributed to something done or not done by the

The section did not relate to the date of the first knowledge of the plaintiff that the act or omission was actionable or tortious, that is, and consequence arising from the

cause of action was founded. Mrs Saxby knew all the essential facts on which her cause of action was founded more than three years before the application to unaware that the advice on which she relied was negligent advice until over a year after it was given did not have the effect of postpon ing the commencement of the

limitation period. Section 14 stated that "know ledge that any act or omission did involve negligence . . . is irrelvant The judge was entitled to conclude as he had.

Lord Justice Potter agreed. Solicitors: Thomas Eggar Verrall Bowles, Worthing: Le

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Pursuer cannot have additional damages as well as account of profits

Redrow Homes Ltd v Bett Brothers plc Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Cuilen), Lord McClusky and Lord-Allanbridge Dudgment March 14]

In an action for infringement of copyright seeking an account of profits under section 96(2) of the Copyright. Designs and Patents Act 1988, it was not open to a pursuer to claim additional damages under section 97 of the Act as well as an account of profits.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held allowing a reclaiming motion by Bett Brothers plc against the decision of the Lord Ordinary allowing a claim for additional damages as well as an accounting for profits in an action brought against them by Redrow Homes

Mr Heriot Currie, QC and Mr Peter Ferguson for the pursuers and respondents; Mr Colin Camp bell. QC and Mr Lawrence Murphy for the defenders and

LORD CULLEN said that the action arose out of infringement of copyright in drawings containing the designs of houses. The pursu-

97(2) of the 1988 Act. Laddie in Caia Homes (South) Lid

In that case it had been held that additional damages under section 97(2) could be ardered whether damages or an account of profits was ordered under section 96(2) of

similar view. On appeal, the defenders had maintained that that was incompetent. It had not been disputed that it was well recognised that a claim of

the 1988 Act.

damages and a claim for an account of profits were alternatives. A pursuer had to elect between the remedies at the latest when infringement had been established. In the present action that stage had not been reached, but for the purposes of the hearing. the pursuers were taken as having elected to claim an account of

It had been submitted by the pursuers that section 97(Z) was concerned with exemplary damages or at any rate contained an exemplary element, as opposed to compensatory or aggravated damages. Exemplary damages were unknown to the law of Scotland aggravated damages were rarely encountered.

However, as the 1988 Art applied throughout the United Kingdom, it had been necessary to consider English law relating to such

The pursuers had submitted that section 97(2) created a statutory remety of additional damages which was independent of the various forms of relief which, by virtue of section 96(2), were Section 97(2) conferred a wide

vhich Went beyond both compen-The Lord Ordinary had taken a satory and aggravated damages.

> compensatory damages. not be able to take into account the flagrancy of the infringement where the pursuers sought an account of profits rather than

> damages should be available in one case but not in the other. His Lordship said that section 96(2) was declaratory in nature and that additional damages in the sense of section 97(2) were a creation of statute and were special

> compensatory damages. There was no reason why the deterrent

However, it would have been surprising, if the pursuers were correct in their contention that they provided a free-standing remedy that they were not specifically included in section 96. Section 97 was couched only in the form of a power to make an award of additional damages.

tional to? There was a superficial attraction to the idea that they were an extension of the damages available in virtue of section 96(2). However, his Lordship considered that there was force in the defenders' criticism of Mr Justice Laddie's reasoning to that effect in Cala Homes.

In the context of an award of damages it was intelligible that special provision would require to be made if the court were to have On the other hand, where an

was more difficult to see the clear purpose behind the court having regard in addition to the benefit ccruing to the defender by means of the infringement.

Furthermore, if section 97(2) were applicable where an account of profits was claimed, it was odd that no reference was made to loss sustained by the copyright owner. On the submission that additional damages could be differen-

virtue of section 96(2) on the basis that they represented exemplary damages, his Lordship considered that, in view of the way that the House of Lords had approached the subject of exemplary damages, clear language would be required before it would be justifiable to hold that that statutory provision authorised the awarding of such damages.

Where the 1988 Act imposed penal sanctions, the language used

his Lordship's view, if an occasion for the awarding of exemplary damages was not to be found within the terms of paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 97(2), the remaining words should not be treated as providing it. Further, in his Lordship's opin-

ion, the defenders' submission that required in order to demonstrate

if he was satisfied that the grounds

was unmistakable. Accordingly, in

For those reasons, in his Lord-ship's opinion, the pursuers were not entitled to claim additional damages as well as an account of The appeal would therefore be

Lord McCluskey and Lord Allanbridge delivered concurring speeches. Law agents: Maclay Murray & Spens; Dundas & Wilson, CS.

Effect of signing community care certificate quired the doctor to dishcharge her

Krol v Craig Before the Lord President (Lord

Rodger of Earlsferry), Lord Cameron of Lochbroom and Lord [Judgment February 20] Where a mental patient was liable

to be detained, but there was a

statutory duty to release him if the grounds for detention no longer applied, and Parliament had also provided that a community care order might be made in respect of a patient if two conditions were met. namely that he was a person liable to be detained and the responsible officer was satisfied that the grounds for detention no longer applied, a certificate from the officer made for the purpose of applying for a community care order stating that the grounds for detention no longer applied did not mean that the patient was immediately entitled to be released

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a reclaiming motion by Irene Krol against the dismissal by the Lord Ordinary of a petition brought by her seeking judicial Although, on the making of an care and treatment.

Mr Angus Stewart, QC and Mr Mark Fitzpatrick for the

Section 33(3) entitled a patient to be released where in the opinion of a medical officer either of those conditions was absent Section

order, the nations was to be at liberty, he would remain subject to specified conditions for the purpose of ensuring his continuing

order to include a statement of medical opinion that the patient was suffering from mental disorder of a nature or degree which made it appropriate for him to the grounds set out in section 17(1) did not apply to him and that he required to be subject to a community care order. The reclaimer was liable to be detained in terms of section 17(1).

in section [7]] did not apply to her. The petitioner challenged the

An order might only be sought in respect of someone who was liable to be detained, so the application had been incompetent. Since such a medical opinion was a necessary condition for a community care order, it would always be incompetent to make such an such order.

argument that Parliament had by mistake failed to qualify the medical officer's duty to discharge a patient under section 33(3) so that it did not apply where he was satisfied only that the patient did

subject to a community care order. Unquestionably, the duty in secin section 17(1) did not apply to her. expressly. What their Lordships had to consider was whether it had been qualified by necessary

> mean that a patient should be released where the officer was satisfied for the purposes of an applying for a community care order that the grounds for detention did not apoly.

that such an order was necessary. That was clear as a matter of

necessary and irresistible

er, sought a number of remedies including an order for a full account of profits, including in-terest, and for payment of an equivalent sum, and certain additional sums with interest as addimonal damages in terms of section The parties were agreed that the

point had not been considered until the decision of Mr Justice discretion upon the court to make an award according to the requirements of justice in a particular vAlfred McAlpine Homes East Lid

to the law of copyright.

case. By enabling the court to have regard to the flagrancy of the intringement, the section introduced at least an element of exemplary or punitive damages,

have regard to the benefit accruing to the defender by reason of the infringement which was not a factor which could be taken into account in the assessment of For the pursuers, it had also been submitted that there was no sound reason why the court should

The court was also entitled to

effect of an award of exemplary

His Lordship said that one might ask what they were addi-

regard to circumstances which otherwise were of no relevance to assessment of damages. That would make sense of section 97(2). account of profits was claimed, it

> review of the omission of her responsible medical officer, Dr Robert Craig, to discharge her from detention under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984. Mr Graham Bell, QC and Mr Simon Collins for the reclaimer:

THE LORD PRESIDENT. delivering the opinion of the court. said that section 17(1) of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 provided that a person might be detained in a hospital if (i) he was suffering from mental disorder of an appropriate nature or degree, and (ii) his detention was necessary for his or other people's

35A, as inserted by section 4 of the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Act 1995, gave a court the power to make a community care order for a patient who was

Section 35B(8) required an application to the court for an

The resmondent had decided to apply to the court for a community care order and had signed a certificate which followed the language of section 35B(8). It therefore

respondent's amission to discharge her immediately on his signing the certificate. Her argument was that section 33(3) re-

the doctor had then been of that opinion, it followed he had then heen obliged to discharge her. Given that she had then been entitled to be released, she had immediately ceased to be someone who was liable to be detained in terms of section 35A.

In their Lordships' opinion, it was critical to the reclaimer's

not need to be detained but also that the patient required to be

The certificate stated that since Parliament could not have intended that section 33(3) should be construed, as if it stood alone, to

> Reading section 33(3) in conjune tion with sections 35A and 35B, the duty to discharge a patient expressed in section 33(3) did not apply where the officer was sat-isfied for the purpose of applying for a community care order the grounds for detention did not apply, because that opinion was salified by the officer's opinion

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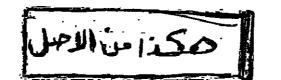
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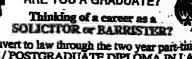
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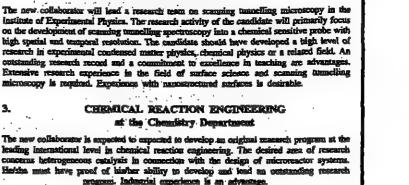
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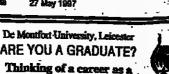






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New thoughts, old exam

Neil Sheldon fears for sixth

forms in the shake-up of the A-level system

will get details of the biggest shake-up of the A-level system since its introduction more than 40 years ago: new syllabuses, a new type of AS level, new links between academic and vocational qualifications — all bound together by a host of new rules and regulations. But all this misses the really important issue in sixth-form education: the curriculum and, in particular, the breadth of curriculum.

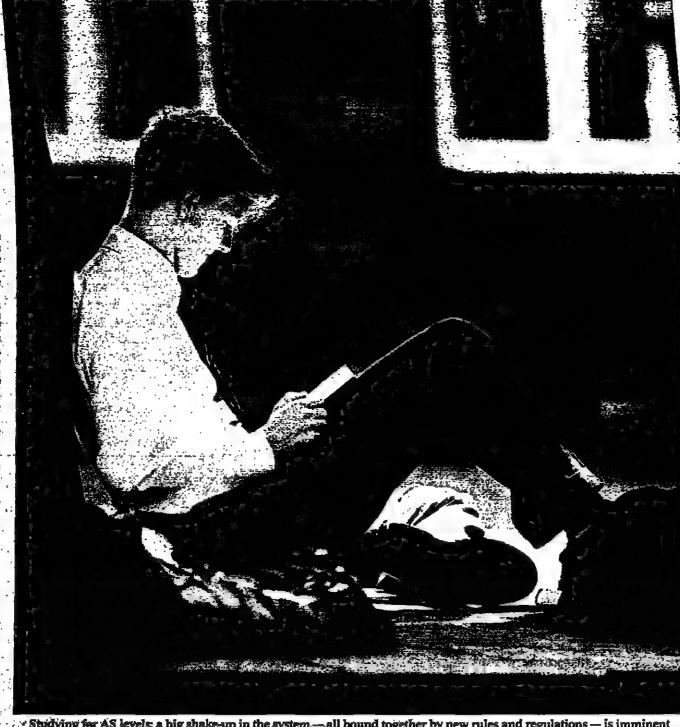
The Dearing Report, on which all these changes are based, is only the latest in a series of studies during the past 20 years. or so which have identified a need for greater breadth in the sixth-form curriculum. Dearing argues for a combination of breadth with depth, and offers specific proposals to allow that combination to be achieved.

The AS level is redefined as the first half of a two-year A-level course, making it easier for pupils to switch subjects at the end of the first year in the sixth form. The National Advanced Diploma would specifically reward study in breadth and depth: a broad range of subject areas have to be covered, and some of those areas have to be studied to full A-level depth. That is the theory, but the

practice is looking very different. Conversations with nersonnel at examination boards and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA) can be depressing. The general view is that the Dearing reforms will make little difference in schools. Most will continue to offer the present pattern of A levels because there is no incentive to do otherwise. The best opportunity for a generation to achieve fundamental change in sixthform education is going begging. There is a danger of reforming all the syllabuses and restructuring the examination system. riculum. It is like changing the crockery and cuffery but giving no thought to the menu.

Who is at fault? The usual suspects must be the Government, SCAA, examination

boards, universities and schools. The Government, having commissioned a report, approved it and directed SCAA to put it into practice, may think it has done its bit. With a span of attention limited by the election, it wanted to change things in a hurry and no time has been allowed for considering the broader issues. The Conservatives have made themselves unpopular with the educational establishment by being too prescriptive in many of their educational reforms, but on this matter they have gone to the opposite extreme. On something as fundamental as the curriculum. a clear philosophy is needed and



Studying for AS levels: a big shake-up in the system — all bound together by new rules and regulations — is imminent

usus must emerge. That the sixth-form curriculum They cians and the real world. Charged with turning the

Dearing principles into practicalities, and given the tight timescale which the Government has dictated, SCAA is fully occupied getting the detail right. This is not a climate in which it is easy to think about fundamental issues of principle.

The examination boards have similarly hectic agenda. They have to draw up new syllabuses and take into account a regulatory framework which is changing day by day. At the same time the boards are going through a process of rationalisation, merging and setting up new alliances under economic and government pressure. In these circumstances the boards cannot think about

the broader picture. The universities have an enormous potential for influence on

regulars leadership, and the could be giving a clear lead on Government has not provided it. the depth and breadth of qualifi-SCAA is playing its proper role - cations they want in the students them, means the review that is being undertaken of higher education. And the university sector is fundamentally divided: the best want A levels in depth to allow them to offer quality degrees, the worst want anyone they can get to fill their places. There would be a great boost for

the breadth of the curriculum if some anod universities endorsed the National Advanced Diploma. but there is no sign of that happening. On the school curriculum, the universities prefer to be led than to lead. he schools, which have ultimately to deliver the

new curriculum, are the least culpable of the usual suspects. The amount of information reaching schools is lamentably small. Schools are aware that big changes to syllabuses are imminent, but no one is offering schools any guidance on the direction which the curriculum as a whole should be

It would be easy to say that the Dearing programme allows each school to devise a curriculum of its own, going for breadth if it chooses to. But unless there is some consensus on change, it would not be sensible for schools to undertake such a reform.

A broader curriculum introduced by one school in isolation might disadvantage its aunils if the best universities continue to demand depth. Even a group of schools would have great difficulty introducing a broader curriculum unless they carried substantial parts of the univer-

sity sector with them. A quite different point, but one that creates enormous difficulties for schools contemplating breadth, is funding. Greater flexibility in the curriculum means more varied patterns of choice by pupils, more staffing.

iego Soto is so severely disabled he can move only three fingers on his left hand. He spends his life lying on

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He argues his case in Diego's Story, to be published this month.

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Diego was born in Colombia, to a

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like a prodigy. When he came to

London, aged eight, he was eager to

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He writes: "Most of us were quite

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In GCSE English the whole class

was again entered at a low level

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the London School of Economics. Diego's achievement is all the

more expense. Most schools do not have the resources to adopt a broader curriculum — which may bring us full circle to the real 'so little about it.

What should be done if the implementation of Dearing is not to be all detail and no principle? The agenda has been rushed but it is not yet too late. The incoming Government should declare a year's delay, knowing most of the work on the syllabuses and

examinations has been done. During the moratorium all those involved, but particularly schools and universities, should look at the new system and think long and hard about the important issues. What is the best curriculum that this new system can be used to deliver? What balance between breadth and depth do

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we need in our sixth forms?

'Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin'

David Charter reports on a £44 million

plan for a national children's radio station

familiar to a generation of children in the 1970s, hopes to conquer the airwaves again to bring the under-16s their own radio station. The former presenter of ITV's Magpie is leading a £44 million bid to run the last remaining national radio

channel. She has presented a case to the Radio Authority to run the 225 kH2 frequency after failing to con-vince the BBC to provide more programmes for the under-16s. Indeed the BBC, which used to own the spare long-wave frequency, retains only one daytime slot specifically for children on radio — for just half-an-hour on

Sunday evenings.
It is 15 years since children were last asked "Are you sitting comfortably? Good, then I'll begin", and Listen with Mother disappeared from Radio 4. Schools programmes have been switched to the small hours after research showed teachers were more

likely to tape record a programme than listen to it live with their class. Ms Stranks, co-

2000, a group which tries to win National Lottery money for children's projects, remains undaunted by the evidence that children and schools do not want a full daily radio

She points to studies which show growing numbers of young children have speech difficulties and cannot concentrate for long periods. Ms Stranks adds further that a children's national radio service would help to address concerns about poor literacy.

"We have done no formal research but we have done an enormous

amount of widespread consultation with the parents, nurseries and playgroups, all of whom are supporting this and would use it," she says. home with young children and it is to them we will be focused as well as nurseries and primary schools."

She is not worried by fears that for children and parents — radio has had its day. "Radio is a very modern form," she says. "It is an incredibly cost-effective way of introducing fun learning. Children have no right of access to radio in the UK because, unlike television, neither the BBC Charter nor the Broadcasting Acts of 1990 or 1996 protect their needs in

audio broadcasting." Her four-year plan for Children's Radio UK, using money raised from the lottery, envisages programmes on all aspects of life and learning for youngsters in four age groups up to 16, backed up with helplines and Internet material for teachers and parents. The plan has won support from a range of prominent people and groups, from Baroness Warnock to

the School Curriculum and Assessusan Stranks, whose face was ment Authority.

However, the BBC maintains that there is not enough demand for any extension of its own children's radio output, let alone a national station.

Matthew Bannister, director of BBC Radio, says Radio Five was originally aimed partially at children when it was launched but had to be changed to the sport-dominated Five Live because youngsters were simply not tuning in. The present Sunday night play draws an audience of 210,000, but only 10 per cent of those listeners are children. BBC Radio did not give up on children - children gave up on speech radio in favour firstly of television and then videos. audio tapes and computers," he says.

Ms Stranks and Mr Bannister clashed in a BBC governors' seminar last year, when she insisted the BBC could do more but he maintained that children mostly wanted to listen to



Susan Stranks wants a children's radio station

Radio I and, in particular, the Top 40. "We need to provide a service to them through Radio I which is a distinctive popular music service... trying to output on the radio is something which we've tried and which really

doesn't work," he says. Ms Stranks has refused to be put off, but there is still some way to go before the dream of a children's radio

station can become a reality.

If the Radio Authority decided to offer the Z25 kHz frequency to broadcasters, it would be sold to the highest bidder in the same way as the three previous licences, for Classic FM. Virgin and Talk Radio. A national children's station would meet the requirement to offer a distinctly different service to these three.

The authority is considering all the responses to a recent consultation on whether the frequency would be viable. The signal becomes weak after dark but Ms Stranks argues this would be of less concern to a children's station which would not, need to broadcast late at night.

one but the tutor spoke to me." Diego believes that this social

awkwardness would be overcome if the physically disabled mixed with

able-bodied children at school.

The mouse in the house

he latest and, some would say, best of the growing range of multimedia encyc-lopaedias arrived in the shops yesterday, making life a little easier for pupils with access to a home computer.
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or, more significantly, coursework for a national qualification. the first thing the online teenager does is to load the CD-Rom. Instant colour images enliven answers, which can be downloaded directly, requiring minimal rewriting thereafter.

The high-tech encyclopaedias, which now include video clips and can be updated at frequent intervals, have breathed new life into a market that seemed to be on its last legs. Most computer packages come with one, and sales are booming.

Yesterday's example, The 1997 World Book Encyclopaedia, contains so much information that it comes on two CD-Roms. There are 3.000 articles on the 20th century alone, 134 videos, 44 animations and 19 virtual realities, where the viewer can explore

a 360-degree image. Like the other market leaders - Encarta, Hurchinsons, Infopedia and Webster's, which launched in February with the full text of the Cambridge Encyclopaedia - the package includes automatic links to relevant Internet sites. New articles are added daily: some time next week, for example, full coverage of the

general election will appear.
To the uninitiated, World Book and its competitors are extraordinarily impressive. The 500 different sounds will bring an orches-tra to life and add to the attractions for young learners, many of

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whom will browse happily in a way they would not have considered if restricted to the printed

But the encyclopaedias and the growing number of more specialised educational CD-Roms raise concerns, too, both about their impact on children's learning styles and the advantages they confer on those from wealthy homes. When a click of the mouse will search 22 volumes of the world's bestselling encyclopaedia, investigative skills become

almost redundant.
Professor Jack Sanger, the
head of Norwich City College's Research Centre, whose book on young children's use of computers appeared last week, says: "All

the slog is taken out of research, which is fine except that it can cause the loss of a critical, evaluative consciousness on the part of the learner. The old methods meant that the student was constantly coming across other books and different views: there is a fendency to regard the anony-mous authors as the ultimate authority on a given topic."

Professor Sanger contends that many schools are only now starting to wrestle with the consequences. There is plenty of anecdotal evidence that a meritocratic divide is developing between well-to-do families who have plumped for a PC, and those who cannot afford one," he says. "Someone has to decide whether to mark on a different scale if pupils have used a computer, but seems that most schools have not yet come to terms with it."

Howard Timms, the managing editor of World Book International, acknowledges the problem but, not surprisingly, believes that the advantages of high technology as an aid to learning far outweigh its disadvantages. Teachers are becoming quite adept at recognising sections of Encarta that have simply been downloaded, and no doubt the same will apply to World Book when it is in common use."

Mr Timms is confident that the links with other sites and the many references will encourage wider reading and that features such as the encyclopaedia's extensive video library will draw children into topics they would not otherwise have addressed. The material has been matched with national curriculum levels so that subjects are introduced in language of the appropriate level.

Handicapped by being put down

Diego Soto tells Jenny Knight of his struggle to study at a level that matched his mind

go never walked, he was able to use a computer and an electric wheelchair until the age of 15, when his health collapsed.

At 16, he found himself in an

oxygen mask, without a GCSE. physically too unwell to return to school and told he was not entitled to home tuition. There Diego's promise might have faltered but for his meeting with Jill Rutherford, the teacher in charge of the hospital nuition unit. She badgered an individual tuition centre into providing a teacher for several hours a week. Diego took English GCSE and got an A grade. Despite Lambeth's ruling that Diego was too old for a home tutor, his English teacher was allowed to continue to tutor him for A-level English. Ms

pleas for funding for a private tutor college course in A-level Government and Politics and had enough charity funding left to study A-level Spanish with a private tutor. A philosophy exam.

He says: "On the first day of the course, a taxi delivered me to the steps of the college, where an at-tendant was waiting to wheel me into the classroom. The students divided into separate groups - black and white. As a Colombian, I wondered which I should fit into. I soon found out: neither. For a year, no



The severely disabled Diego Soto: in his first year of law at the LSE

"Children would realise that the disabled are just ordinary children and get used to being with them," Rutherford successfully bornhe says. "I still get angry about inbarded education charities with equality. Those with good brains but not my cheek and demanding for GCSE Spanish. A year later nature rarely have a chance to Diego had two more top-grade prove themselves. Surely people passes. He was accepted for a who are disabled have a right to fulfil their potential? Now I feel the sky's the limit: I intend to confound all those who have told me to accept my lot or assume that because I am friend coached him for the AS-level immobile, I must exist in a vegetative state." Diego started to apply to univer-sities. He was rejected by the LSE,

TIM DICKESON

a gruelling interview, then offered an unconditional place. Not that Diego's battles to gain an education are over. Finances are a struggle. He has to employ an assistant to drive him to college, to take notes in class, to write essays to his dictation and to look after his personal needs. The cost is covered by a grant during term time, but because Diego, who is now 21, is unable to offer continuity of employment, he cannot keep the same helper.

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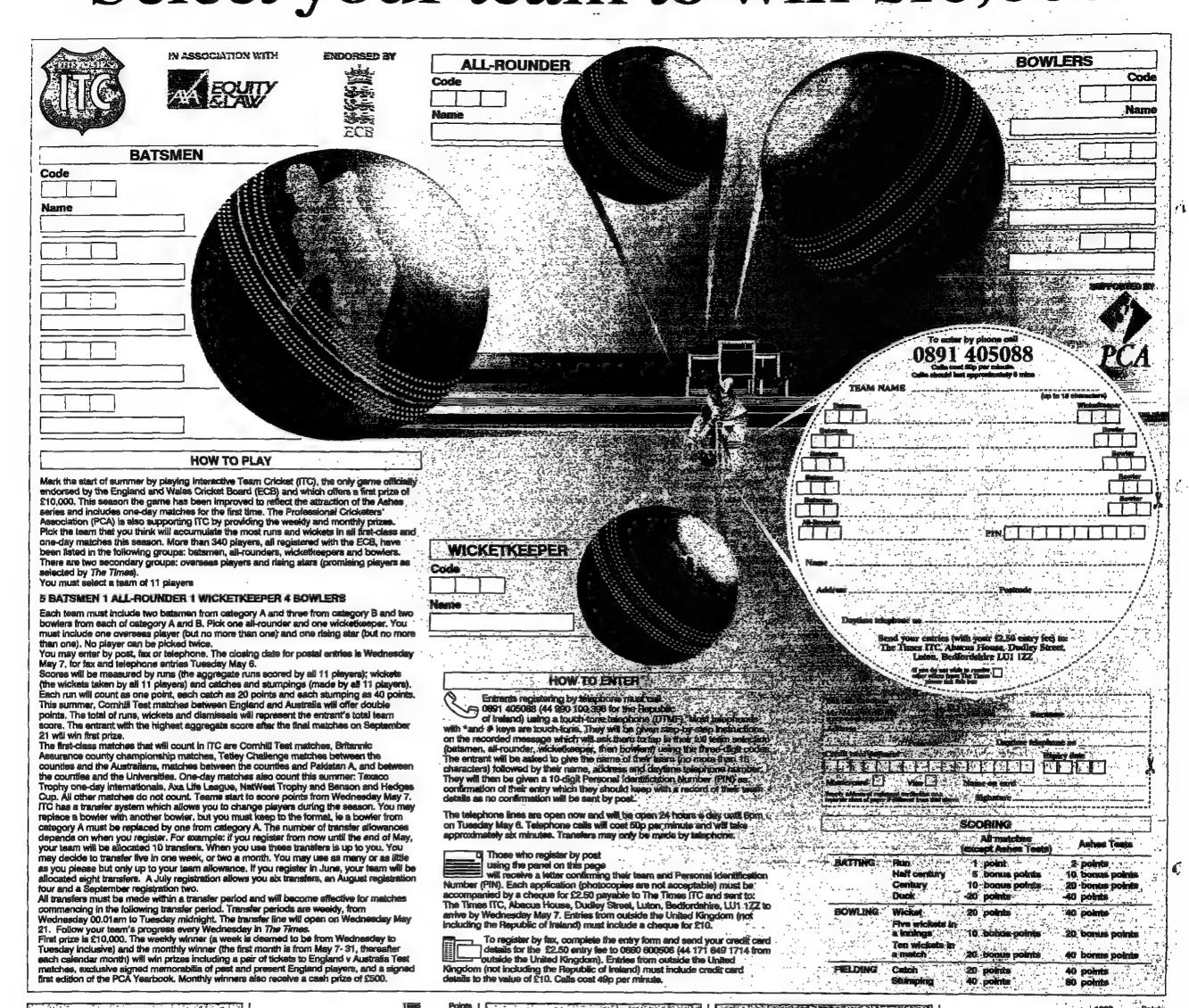
phoned the student disability of-

ficer for support. He was called for

"My assistant must be academically competent, able to take notes and have good handwriting," he says. "I have a good memory and i check the points they should have noted. I intend to become a barrister specialising in mercantile law and public administration. I am optimistic someone has to be the first. I have come so far I'm sure that I will succeed."

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Minor move gives Collingwood a major incentive

WHENEVER Paul Collingwood goes home and complains that Durham have lost again, as they have done quite often since he joined them as a professional last year, his brother reminds him that it could be worse. He could be working with him and their father, building caravans in a factory in Consett. If it were not for cricket,

that is probably what Collingwood would be doing - at best. The village of Shotley Bridge has not escaped the ravages of unem-ployment in the North East, It. nestles below Consett and was heavily dependent on the jobs provided by the steelworks. there before they were controversially closed in 1981, with the loss of hundreds of jobs.

Collingwood was 14 when Durham's cricket team was elevated to first-class status in 1991, "I always knew I wanted to be involved in cricket as a career, but I did not know how I was going to achieve it." he said during a rare Durham victory at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday. "I was bright at school, but did not work as hard as I should. I would rather go to the nets at Shotley

than do my homework." Collingwood, 20, an opening batsman and useful change bowler, was devoted to the game from a young age. His father has been a member of Shotley Bridge for 35 years, playing as a batsman in the first XI, and his two sons -



Collingwood: devoted

Paul is the younger by four years — naturally followed in his footsteps.

Collingwood was eight when he first played for the Shotley Bridge under-13 ream. He worked his way up through the age groups, suc-cessfully enough to be chosen for England Under-15s and

When he was not at school, Collingwood was either playing or practising, and some-times cricket even took priority over classwork. He was allowed to sit examinations at specially-arranged times because of his playing commitments; with evening matches, he sometimes played seven days a week.

This took its toll - he developed a back injury that kept him out for an entire summer three years ago and has since restricted his bowling - but his family recog-

231 in 48.2 overs. "I thought

the lower batting order did not

India lose their grip

INDIA lost their last eight-wickets for 46 runs off 58 balls as West Indies snatched an 18-run victory in the third oneday international in St Vincent to take a 2-1 lead in the four-

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take enough responsibility and played soo many bad shots, Sachin Tendulkar, India's captain, said afterwards.

| Nottinghamshire have signed Andy Oram, the fast India, chasing 250 to win. were well set at 185 for two in bowier who wrote to the club the 39th over, after Ganguly and Dravid had added-130 for for a trial after leaving Northamptonshire. the second wicket. Then panic

make a career in the game. His father terried him to matches all over the country. and only occasionally complained about doing so, but never withdrew his backing.

Neither did his mother, who paid for him to go to Australia to play club cricket in Melbourne two years ago. He is paying her back in instalments and pays board for living at home. Both regularly watch him play, as do his numerous uncles and aunts. "I get a lot of support," he said.
"Mind you, they have things

to say when I get a duck."

What would have happened to him had Durham remained a minor county, Collingwood cannot imagine. The North East has a strong league system and, in the past, play-ers such as Mike Roseberry's went south: in Roseberry's case to Middlesex, though he has now returned. Others try to join the Lord's groundstaff and attract the attention of counties from there.

He is certain that Durham's promotion was a good thing, and not just from a personal point of view. "I would not say our followers are getting impatient at our lack of success. but people here do expect a lot, as they do in feotball and rughy. They love sport so much. How can anyone say this should not have happened? Just look at it" - from the players' balcony he can an eye out over the Riversi Stadium — "it is absolute

It is easy for those removed from events to miss Durham's admittance the county championship an expensive mistake, but do so would be to cut off pe of the sporting lifeblood of t

egion. Cricket has given Co ingwood a career and, havis recently captained a tea from Durham's new acaden on a tour of Sri Lanka as do the same for others.

Lancashire looking to Wasim for inspiration

LANCASHIRE, the holders. from the Benson and Hedges Cup at the zonal stage after losing their first two games, hope Wasim Akram, will play in the game with Warwickshire at Edgbaston today.

The Pakistan captain reported back to Old Trafford ist week with a shoulder injury and will have to pass a fitness test this morning to take his place against the group leaders, for whom the evergreen Gladstone Small has taken eight wickets in the first two matches.

Derbyshire, the other team in group A with a 100 per cent record, will not recall Devon Malcolm for the visit of Yorkshire, who will play Gavin Hamilton if Peter Hartley is unfit.

Worcestershire will lay out the welcome mat at New Road for Neal Radford, who returns to play against his former county for Minor Counties. Radford, who took 653 first-class wickets in 11 seasons with Worcestershire, claims his bowling is "not bad for a near 40-year-old".

Jacques Kallis, Middlesex's new overseas player, is included for the game with Giamorgan, but Somerset will wait to see how Mushtaq Mohammad is feeling after his flight from Sri Lanka and a heavy winter of Test cricket before deciding whether he should play against Ireland.

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Paul prepares to go one better

Christopher Irvine

meets the man who regards the Wembley

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obbie Paul speaks as he plays. Ball in hand, he Lais a babbling brook, an unquenchable spirit. He is a stream of consciousness off the field, too, irrepressible and quite unstoppable.

Talking in the shower-room at Odsal, the words of the young Bradford Bulls captain. bouncing off pipes and tiled walls, take on the form of a team talk. So, to save his breath at Wembley tumorrow, the following could be read out to his players: "The old saying that there's some that think they can and some that think they can't is right. We can't think we are going to lose.

This is the pinnacle of rugby league. It doesn't come better. You've one shot at the Challenge Cup. No one re-members the losers. The only person remembered is the one who lifts the trophy." Paul earnestly believes that someone will be him.

soundbite, Paul could be a politician. Painter, song writer, fine art student, he is no ordinary league player. Nor only is he a fabulous playing talent, he is generous, genuine and, as a father of two, at 21, pretty humble, except when it Having entered Challenge

Cup folklore 12 months ago, as the first player to score three tries in a final — and still end up on the losing side - Paul complains of a hole in my psyche". He said then, and repeated this week, that he would have given up the Lance Todd Trophy for man of the match for a winner's medal. With a strong, more complete team to lead than against St Helens a year ago, Paul described the repeat final tomorrow as a date with destiny.

Whoever was next to him on the flight from Sydney, where he made his New Zealand debut last week, must have taken an ear bashing. "Was Wembley on my mind? Was it ever," he said. "You can't block out a game like that. It's just too huge, with 75.000 screaming fans and all that emotion pouring out on top of you. You vake un every hour thinkins about it. It's a step up from any game in your life.

"It's strange, but I've no real memories of last time, just little sparks. I could only watch the video once. You try to be professional and treat



every game the same, but it doesn't happen that way. You might play at Oldham in front of 5,000. You compare that with 75,000 at the Twin Towers in London. I don't think so."

When Paul got off the plane last Sunday, it was all Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, could do to dissuade crushed Sheffield Eagles to remain two points clear of St Helens at the top of the Super

It was Paul, however, who

scrape against Paris Saint-Germain with two timely tries. It is as wide of the mark, however, as was the accusation levelled last year against Helens and Bobbie Goulding, to call Bradford a

Ellion said: "If we're relying on Robbie to win us the match. we're probably not going to get on being the best team in the league and the best across the park individually. We are just blessed in having Robbie, who can come up with special things, his leadership qualities recently got the side out of a and his general inspiration."

Last year, ultimately, a hattrick of errors by Bradford under Goulding's aerial bombardment, rather than Paul's hat-trick of tries, including one of the best individual scures seen at Wembley, decided the best final in 99 years for sustained excitement.

Who would bet against Paul making it a memorable centenary year final, renairing tha hole in his psyche and displacing Shaun Edwards as the youngest winning captain by three months? I went there last year to do a job and didn't succeed," he said. "I plan to see the job fulfilled."

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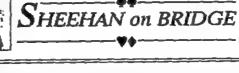
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BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This week's Refresher on discarding looks at a well-known "safe" choice. This is the fifth card in any long suit (provided that the declaring side doesn't have five as well) — the so-called "idle

card". East-West game Dealer South **7**K74 +AK7 +QJ1083 4J8732 +A54 2801LQF 7443 +1042 .04 S +KQ9 TA2 +98853 **4K72**

The queen of hearts held the discard. first trick and West continued with the jack of hearts which On this particular hand declarer won in hand with his ace. He now played the king of

As a matter of good general technique East ducked this, and won the second round with his ace. East continued with a heart, won in dummy with the king. Declarer now played a third club. East, not seeing the importance of his holding discarded a diamond. After cashing his clubs, declarer cashed five diamonds, mak-

ing II tricks in all. This was poor thinking on East's part. Declarer was extremely unlikely to hold a five-card spade holding for his One No Trump opening and so East's lifth spade could not be of any use. It should have been an easy first

East can count declarer for four club tricks, two hearts and two diamonds so unless West has the ace of spades declarer is home. Thus East's spade holding is even less

Yet another point is West's play at trick two. When he played a second heart he knew declarer was going to win with the ace. He could have played any heart in his hand. He chose the jack to show his spade entry.

Three good reasons on the same hand for East to discard from his long suit.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ABBEYLUBBER a. A lazy monk b. A squint for lepers c. An oaken hammer beam

BARBAR a. A sheep b. A barbarian c. A gymnastic device BULKIN a. A bull calf h. Ballast

c. A woman's bustle a. An exclamation of disgust

b. A cooking spit



By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer warm-up As a curtain-raiser to

Kasparov's match against IBM's Deep Blue computer which starts tomorrow in New York, Dutch organisers put together a giant Man v Machine tournament in the Hague. Top results in the Aegon Inter-national tournament were: Rosashvili 6/6: Seirawan and Van Mil 52: Kallisto, Rebei. Chessmaster 5000, Ye Ronguangg, Van der Wiel, Oll and De Boer 412.

interestingly, although the machines won overall by 15112 to 14812, the leading places in the tournament were seized exclusively by human grandmasters. In the following game by the winner of the tournament, the computer falls into the perennial muchine trap of snatching material at the expense of time and position.

White: Yona Kosashvili Black: Chessica Aegon tournament

The Hague, April 1997 **English Opening**

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Kasparov v IBM

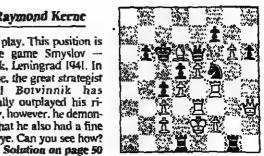
The match between Garry Kasparov and IBM's Deep Blue computer will take place at the Equitable Centre, in New York 787, 7th Avenue, starting 3pm New York time each day with a maximum time limit of seven hours per game. Playing days are May 3. 4. 6, 7, 10 and 11. For those who wish to access the games over the weekend the IBM website for the match is www.chess.ibm.com/.

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Smyslov -Botvinnik, Leningrad 1941. In this game, the great strategist Mikhail Botvinnik has positionally outplayed his rival. Now, however, he demonstrated that he also had a fine merical eye. Can you see how?



BHB explores alternatives to the levy system

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) has secretly rives to the levy system of funding rucing, which could revolutionise the way the sport is financed in the 21st century.

The implications for racing as a whole could be enormous and might even lead to the formation of a super league of the top racecourses which can take advantage of new commercial openings.

A levy on horserace betting. which is paid by off-course punters when they have a bet and collected by bookmakers. was introduced in 1962 and produces annual returns of about £55 million.

However, in recent years the levy system has looked increasingly outdated when compared to funding for other sports. It has also produced regular disagreements between the betting industry and racing over the rate of levy which have been resolved. somewhat reluctantly, by the Home Secretary.

Pressure to replace the levy with an alternative system of financing has come from a wide range of interests, including owners, who are unhappy with the present levels of prizemoney, and Lord Donoughue, Labour's raving spokesman in the House of Lords. The big bookmakers indicated in February the time could be right

The BHB decided at a recent board meeting to set up a small group to look at alternatives to the levy, but intended to keep the move under wraps until the membership of the group and its terms of reference had been finalised. That is likely to take a few weeks.

However, the group will be under strict orders to make sure that any alternative is practical and cost effective. We don't want any airy-fairy ideas which cannot be implemented for political or financial reasons. Our feet must be kept firmly planted on the ground," one source said yes-

The "Big Three" bookmakers, Ladbrokes, William Hill and Coral, have been informed of the move but the

RICHARD EVANS

(3.10 Newmarket) Next best: Fern's Governor

BHB wants to get its own thinking straight before hav-ing discussions with the betting industry. Change to the levy system would require legislation; previous govern-ments have insisted that would depend on agreement between bookmakers and rac-

Future funding of racing in Britain is the most important single issue facing the sport's leaders. If they needed any further convincing, the latest figures released in the United States underline the point. In 1996 betting turnover on racing totalled \$12.5 billion and prize-money was \$897 million equivalent to more than ? per cent.

By contrast, British offcourse betting turnover is about £4.4 billion and yet the levy return from that is £55 million - just over I per cent - of which only £30 million

goes to funding races.
The vast difference is due to off-course betting profits here being returned to the big bookmakers and their shareholders rather than being distributed to the sport. With no chance of a Tote monopoly being introduced in Britain and all governments reluctant to raise the rate of levy, what are the alternatives?

The answer, as with other sports, may lie in television rights. They are owned by Britain's 59 racecourses, who receive £12 million a year from SIS, which beams pictures into the nation's benting shops and whose principal share-holder is the "Big Three." The contract between SIS and he racecourses runs out in 2002.

If the main tracks — the dozen owned by the Jockey Club plus the likes of Ascot, York, Goodwood and Doncaster - transferred their television rights to the BHBowned RaceTech they could be in a powerful bargaining position, it is being suggested. Apart from negotiating directwith the bookmakers, the new organisation could tap into digital television, which will allow viewers to place

Of course, that is only one idea. But it demonstrates the far-reaching changes which may flow from the BHB's welcome decision to look at alternatives to the levy.

Time Allowed to reach maturity

A WELCOME development over recent seasons has been the growing popularity of racing high-class thorough-breds beyond their third birthdays. Five years ago, the activities of Helissio, Singspiel, Pilsudski and Bosra Sham would have been congrounds. And the effect has trickled down to horses below their class, as shown by an enthralling renewal of the Grangewood Jockey Club Stakes (3.10), one of four races shown on Channel 4 at Newmarket today.

No fewer than ten evenly matched runners are on display. Luso, that veteran of the Pattern, has become adept at



ON TELEVISION

demanding standards that have registered victories from Rome to Hong Kong. Earnings in excess of £700,000 pay him handsome testament: he will-be hard to beat, even with

his 51b penalty. However, he remains vulnerable to an improving per-former — and several in that category align against him here. The five-year-old Kutta when third on his reappearance at Newbury, but he, too, may be surpassed by something more sprightly.

Samraan was below par behind Kutta on his reappearance at Newbury, but even his best may not suffice in a contest likely to unfold at a searching gallop. Celeric



Luso, far side, will provide a thorough test for his rivals in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket today

invariably needs his first outing of the season. Mons makes up in spirit what he lacks in physical scope, but Persian Punch has both qualities in abundance. He should have strengthened over the recess, although this staying type may lack for pace over 12 furlongs. Tulipa has had her problems and may find the

ground too lively. Busy Flight, from a latematuring family, progressed significantly last autumn. He enters the argument on his comfortable course and distance victory in October, but Time Allowed is preferred. This daughter of Sadler's

Wells must conjure more than she has previously shown to beat this field. However, she remains on the upgrade, hails from an inform stable and thrives off a strong gallop.

The Kuwait Green Ridge

Stables Newmarket Stakes (2.35) has attracted Godolphin's first runner of the season in Haltarra, who showed ability in two well contested maidens last term. But this Zilzal colt — a brother to Kammtarra, whose best efforts have been gained at a mile — may find this teri furlongs too demanding.

is worth following. In the opening Ladbrokes Animal Health Trust Handicap (2.05), it could pay to look beyond Summer Queen's defeat of Just Nick over this Desert Horizon stepped up course and distance last

considerably on his debut to

prevail in soft ground at Nottingham. He now faces

tougher opponents in the

shape of Musical Dancer and

Sandstone. This listed contest

is probably commensurate

with Musical Dancer's abili-

ty, but greater aspirations are

held for Royal Crusade. A

Derby entrant, the son of

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maidens on his sole start and

(3-Y-0: £4,386: 77) (9 runners) _

5.20 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP

(3-Y-0: 1m) (2 numbers)

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month. Summer Queen can confirm that form but Kaiser Kache represents better value. He should be more at home over this trip, having raced at eight and nine furlongs most recently. Barltone ous in a tightly knit affair.

The Milcars Handicap (3.45) looks even more tricky. Purchasing Power and Over To You are three-year-olds with chances but they may struggle against their elders at this early stage of the season. A better proposition is Blurred, who made strides in

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NEWMARKET

2.35 MUSICAL DANCER (nam)

3.45 Fem's Governor 2.05 Alphabet 4.15 Balalaika 3.10 Busy Flight

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 BUSY FLIGHT. DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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2.05 LADBROKES ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST HANDICAP

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3.45 MILCARS HANDICAP (£6,680: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

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3.30 MILLER THE CLASSIC HAMDICAP CHASE Close call for French miler SPINNING WORLD, the

high-class French colt, made an encouraging return to action yesterday with a narrow success in the group two Prix Du Muguet at Saint-Cloud. The Jonathan Pease-trained runner, heavily backed at 2-1 on, had to be put to his best to master Simon Du Desert, the recent winner of the Prix Edmond Blanc, in the final strides and had only a head to spare at the line.

Cash Asmussen, the win-ning jockey, said: "That was very satisfying and will have done the horse a power of good. "

The next port of call for last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas and Prix Jacques Le Marois winner is the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury or the Prix D'Ispahan at Longchamp.



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2.55 COURAGE BEST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,751: 2m 1f) (9)

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5.10 ITS NOT ALL OVER YET OPEN MATIONAL HUNT FLAT PLACE (£1,264; 2m 11) (15)

3-1 Easter Plass, Sally Stally, 7-1 King Of The Blass, 8-1 Yester Class, 18-1 edit COURSE SPECIALISTS

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FROM MET WEBB IN BRESCIA

SIX birdies, no bogeys. 66, six barely brushed the grass — under par, in the lead; lovely. calamity! Eduardo Romero thought that he had had a splendid day in the first round of the Italian Open yesterday and, being the genial chap he is, permitted himself a wide smile. It was not there long and departing with the grin were all references to "no bogeys, 66, six under par, in the lead". All because his club touched the

ground at the wrong moment. Romero was on the 14th green at Gardagolf. He peered, he commend, he considered, he pondered, and then moved forward to scrutimise the last ten feet of his putt. As he moved along the proposed line of the stroke, the head of his putter just.

He said that he did not know he had done it and nobody disbelieved him, but Carl Mason and Jonathan Lomas, his playing partners, saw the club touch the ground. In practical terms, it made not a scrap of difference to the subsequent putt, but rules are rules and the one the Argentinian broke was PGA Euro-pean Tour local rule eight, which concerns the grounding of a club on the line of a putt.

Mason reported the incident to Mike Stewart, one of the Tour's senior tournament directors. Stewart told David Garland, his colleague, who is the tournament director here,

Hackney homes in on seasonal target

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN DAYTONA BEACH

IT IS the week of the Staffordshire championship, so Lisa Hackney, the county champion on several occasions, is used to playing well at this

Yesterday, in the first round the Sprint Titleholders Championship here, several thousand miles and light years away from her Staffordshire stamping ground, the 29-year-old from Stoke-on-Trent returned a 67, fiveunder par, to trail Tammie. Green, the early leader, by

Hackney is quite at home in Florida now - she lives in Stuart, two hours' drive south of here — and she was in her element yesterday. Out in 34, two under par, she came home in 32, with birdles at the 10th, 13th, 16th and 18th, where she hit a four-wood to ed the eagle chance.

THE CASE

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F. LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 MCEWAR'S 80/- HANDICAP

(Amateurs: £2.670: 5f) (10 runners)

2.15 Gagajulu. 2.45 Dictation, 3.20 Baby Jane. 3.55. Theatre Of Dreams. 4.25 Little Acom. 5.00 Ivora

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2.45 MCEWANS LAGER LIMITED STAKES

Trish Johnson, a Solheim Cup team-mate of Hackney, had what she described as "the easiest 68 I've ever shot." It included one of the Englishwoman's patented birdle bursts - four in a row from the 5th The streak was broken

by three putts at the 9th. She had cause to thank Donna Andrews, her playing partner, on the 18th. Andrews warned her that her drop. taken after finding the water. had been incorrect and could have cost her a disqualification had she played

EARLY LEADING FIRST-ROUND BCORES (LS unique strated): 98t T Green. 87: L Hackney (GE). 68t, N Harvey; L Welsen (Carl), K Golden, M Esel, T Johnson (GB), P Lisolo, 68t D Domparn, J Casher (Ass), 70: D Reid (GB), D Andrews. 71: A-M Pell (Fr), K Parter-Gregory, J McGal, K Albert, A Reed, A Bert, A Septimizer (Swi), 72 V.Odagard, A Mer., A Septimizer (Swi), 72 V.Odagard, A Mer., A Machinet, C Machine, GB), 73: H. Affrechisor, Swii), R Medicine, P Whight (GB), 73: H. Affrechisor, Swii), R Medicine, GB), Other William (GB), 73: H. Affrechisor, GWi), GB, 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GWi), GB, 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GWi), GB, 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GWI), GM, Fill Coding (GB), GB, 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: C Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: Mill Coding (GB), 75: H. Affrechisor, GB), 75: Mill Coding (GB), 7

tive but to penalise Romero two shots, reducing him from joint leader to co pursuer. It also left him with a

double-bogey five on the par-three hole. Romero could not be honestly described as happy about it all - if there was a hint of a small smile still present, it was forced through gritted teeth and an upper lip so stiff he might have been English, but he was, at least philosophical. "I saw nothing. but Carl and Jonathan did, so it's probably true," he said with a shrug.

The consequence of Romero's misfortune was to leave him among a group of eight players that included Juse Maria Olazabal on 68, two shots behind Retief Goosen and one adrift of lan

Woosnam was left rejoicing at his change from a metal to wooden driver, which allows him to hook or draw the ball again, which makes him an exceedingly happy Welshman. With metal in his hand, the ball has an infuriating tendency to go straight right, which in turn tends to leave him

deeply raity. He had five birdies, four of them coming in an inward half of 32. The best of them were probably those at the par-five 11th, where he hit a long bunker shot to an inch. and the 12th, where he sank a 30-foot putt.

"Very nice," he said, then bustled off in search of a tail. cool glass of the gassy amber stuff. You never know, he might even have run into a certain Argentinian in the bar. If ever a man was ripe for a little light sorrow-drowning on this day, that man was Eduardo Romero.

LEADANG FREET-HOUND SCORES (GB and les unless shaked); 68; R Goosen (SA), 57; I Woosenum 68; S Webban, B Davis, G J Brand, E Hornero (Arg), N Feeth (Swe), P Sintend (Swe), J Googree (Arg), J M Okozilinal (Sp), 68; A Forsbrand (Swe), M (Grante Marie I Microsof M Internal M A



Nascem Hamed faces up to the media in the build-up to the defence of his WBO and IBF featherweight titles against Billy Hardy on Saturday

Lewis title bout in jeopardy

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent under indictment for fraud.

King has requested the bout

LENNOX LEWIS'S World Boxing Council (WBC) heavy-Henry Akinwande in Atlantic City on July 12 has run into trouble three days after the signing of contracts.

Don King, the American promoter behind Akinwande; yesterday told Panix, the London company staging the contest, that the bout must be moved to another venue as he is not allowed to be involved in boxing matches in the New Jersey seaside resort, nor to be seen to be making money from any events there. This is because - King is at present

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6.00 J SCOTT FURNISHERS MOVICES HURDLE

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11-4 Summers First, 9-2 Frontes Last, 6-1 Scale Deats, 8-1 Tilly, 14-1 others.

6.30 HANDICAP CHASE (£3,469: 2m 1½f) (5)

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7.00 SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

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THUNDERER

(£3,032: 3m) (18 runners)

be moved to London or Nevada. As neither location suits Panix, the British company wants to call off the deal with King and go to purse bids.
Panos Eliades, the head of Panix, will ask the WBC to call

for the long overdue purse bids to be held within seven days. If Eliades cannot get a satisfactory answer from the WBC, he will take the matter to court in New Jersey. "We haven't got time to

waste," Eliades said. "We want a decision soon. We want Lennox to fight on July 12 at

Atlantic City. If Akinwande can't fight, then the WBC must nominate the next challenger. If we have any further problems we shall go back to the court of Judge Amos Saunders, the judge who ruled against King and the WBC the last time they met in

court ." Eliades has told King that he would go to Nevada if King signed a new deal for less money. King has turned that down. If Panix wins the purse bid. King would not be part of the deal and so Akinwande would be free to go to Atlantic

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EQUESTRIANISM

Simon takes pleasure in opening success

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

HUGO SIMON, of Austria, is on course for his third Volvo World Cup after a dramatic win in the opening leg last night. Victory for Simon, 54, who won the inaugural World Cup in the same arena in 1979. came on his ten-year-old Hannoverian, ET, the horse on which he won last year.

"I jump for fun now," Simon, the oldest rider here, had replied when asked earlier the difference between his attitude compared with 1979. So it proved. Urged on by the crowd, Simon produced a breathtaking performance, finishing 1.34sec ahead of Peter Geerink, of Holland, on Royal Bravour. Lars Nieberg, of Germany, was third on For Pleasure

John Whitaker completed a faultless round despite his horse, Virtual Village Grannusch, losing a front shoe at the first fence and they are in fifth place overnight. Whitaker will change to his Olympic horse, Welham, for the second round tonight. Nick Skelton and

Showtime, who had the disadvantage of an early draw, produced the fastest round out of the 44-strong field, but incurred four faults at the first part of fence No 6 — adding an expensive four seconds to their score. They are seventh. Michael Whitaker and Ash-

ley, who beat Simon and ET when winning the Dutch qualifier three weeks ago, had four faults and decided against taking the short cut between fences No 3 and No 4, a decision that cost him valuable seconds and has left him in sixteenth place.

Geoff Billington, the fourth Briton in the event, did take the short cut on Virtual Village It's Otto, but paid the penalty for taking too sharp a turn with a refusal. A further mistake at the second part of fence No II has left him well down the line in 31st place.

Leopoldo Palacios, the Venezualan course designer. produced a superb layout for this opening round. The short cut caused numerous problems, most dramatically for Peter Eriksson, Sweden's leadeliminated when trying to

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Games, due to take place in Ireland next year, are in jeopardy after the withdrawal yesterday of Nissan, the main sponsor. An appouncement will be made today on the future of the Games.

IN BRIEF

Perry plots new course with triple triumph

ALEX PERRY continued his encouraging progress by com-pleting his third successive victory in the preliminary rounds of the men's singles of the world table tennis championships in Manchester yester-day (Richard Eaton writes).

The Sweden-based England No.4, from Devon, earned himself a meeting in the first round proper today with Maxim Schmyrov, of Russia. after a display of good serving and forehand looping gave him a 21-17, 21-9, 21-8 victory over Sherif Diaa, of Egypt. Earlier. Perry had beaten Aldo Vinci de Leon, uf Guatemaia, and the day before had overcome Carl Xuan, a Chinaborn Canadian.

Crisp Smith

Hockey: Superb anticipation by Jane Smith brought Eng-land a I-0 victory over United States, who finished fifth at the Atlanta Olympics, in their opening game at the fivenation womens' tournament. in Vancouver. She anticipated a defender's pass seven minutes from time and swept the ball home in a single

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The goal was no more than England deserved, for despite fielding a young and inexperienced team, they always looked the more likely to score in a high-tempo game played in dark and dank conditions.

Tokyo blow

Lacrosse: England's hopes of a third consecutive appearance in the World Cup final collapsed when they lost 3-0 to Australia in Tokyo yesterday. Australia, with only Japan to play, are assured of maximum points, and United States can join them in the final if they beat Scotland or Canada. Scotland did well to defeat Canada 6-4 yesterday.

Steroid ban

Rugby union: Three South African rugby players -Johan Ackermann, Stefan Bronkhorst and Bennie Nortje were each suspended for two years for using steroids. the South African Rugby Football Union announced yesterday.

Hayles hearty

Cycling: Rob Hayles goes into the fifth round of the Premier Calendar series tonight with a comfortable lead overall, but with 232 miles facing him in the four-day tour of Lancashire.

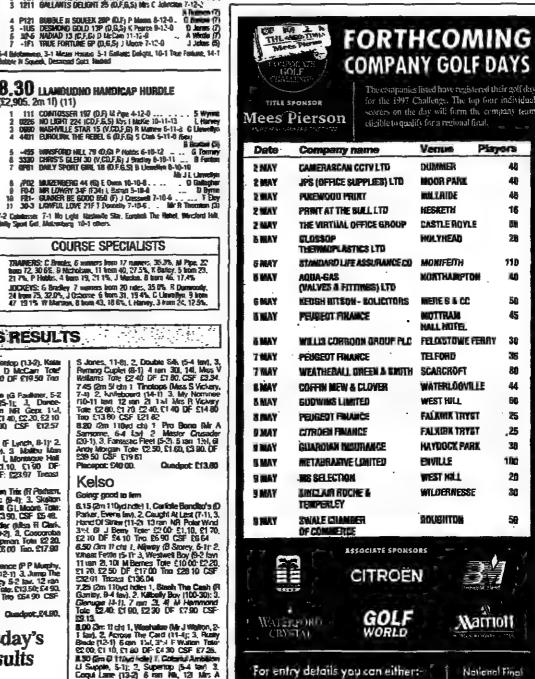
Bad break

Tennis: Goran Ivanisevic, the world No 6 from Croatia, has pulled out of the German Open next week with a frac-

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THUNDERER . 5.45 King Of The Horse, 8.15 Diamond Beech, 8.45 German, Legend, 7.15 Aly Daley, 7.45 Catch The Pigeon, 8.15 Aide Memoire,

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6.15 FEDERATION SPECIAL CONDITIONAL HOCKEYS MOVICES HUMOLE (\$2,320: 2m 11) (9)

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10-11 The Whole Hog. 11-4 Section Lugand, 5-1 Miles Coletin, 8-1 Evening Ruch, 16-1 Life Theses

7,15 FEDERATION BREWERY HAMDICAP CHASE (£3,821: 2m 5f) (8)

5-2 Weater Garrys, 11-4 Brighter Stade, 9-2 Air Daley, 5-7 Cines Custon, 13-7 The Tousier, 16-7 Statem Death, 20-1 Walt You Death, 22-1 Radia Ray,

7,45 BUCHANAN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,460: 2m 5! 110yd) (8)

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8.15 KEOGHANS MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (22,093; 2m 5/ 110yd) (8)

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FOOTBALL: ITALY MAKE LIGHT WORK OF RELUCTANT POLES TO CONSOLIDATE GROUP TWO LEAD

Buoyant Baggio strikes right balance

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE IN NAPLES

"IN THE END," an Italian journalist wrote after Italy's 3-0 World Cup qualifying group two win against Poland in Naples on Wednesday, it was as if everybody had won rwice. Against Poland, whowere there, and against Sacchi, who is not there any

The reappearance of Roberto Baggio, after nearly two years, the goal that he so elegantly scored, gave grounds for such feelings. The Divine Ponytail has been at odds with Arrigo Sacchi for a long time. First, in the national team, where the former coach, despite Baggio's remarkable 1994 World Cup goals, tended to pick him on sufferance and omit him when he could; then at AC Milan. where, to Baggio's dismay, Sacchi returned as manager this season, after leaving the Azzurri

Cesare Maldini, the new coach of the national team. said he was delighted for Baggio, who "just needed a

Paraguay look certain to be playing in the World Cup finals in France in the summer of next year after beating Uruguay 3-1 in a South Amerlcan group qualifying match in Asuncion. The defeat leaves Uruguay in danger of missing out for a second successive time.

little bit of confidence". He did not pick him for his first four internationals, explaining that Baggio was not then a firstteam choice at Milan. Sacchi had dropped him. Baggio is now back in the floundering Milan team, however, and, when Gianfranco Zola's hamstring began to play up early in the second half in Naples on Wednesday, on he came.

There was no tension in his play. Everything fizzed and flowed, as it had at the best of times. The growd gave Baggio a resounding welcome, and he did not disappoint them. If Zola had shone in the first half, Baggio was refulgent in the second, perfectly balanced, endlessly adroit, always ready to beat his man and to supply

What happened at the San Paolo (Stadium, nere) leaves me speechless." he said. "It's all been beautiful, extraordinary, incredible. I've always believed. I've never given up. I've always had great faith. This goal shows that, in

football, too, life can change from one moment to another. Maldini, who took over the Italy job in midstream, has reanimated the team, not so much by changing tactics from Sacchi's 4-4-2 to the old catenaccio, but by taking out the anguish. He is an old pro, who has been through a thousand battles, as the Milan and Italy centre half, as No 2 to Enzo Bearzot in two World Cups, as manager of the Italy Under-2) team. And Paolo, his son, who scored the second

Italy goal against Poland, has done him proud as a player. "Let's enjoy this victory," the coach said. "Let's not think about anything else. Let's think about the summer tournament in France, not about World Cup qualification."

italy lead group two, by four points from England, who have played a game fewer. We still have to confront the away game with Georgia, no easy opponent," Maldini said. "Did, you see how England had to struggle to beat them? First the Georgians, then England at home, but there's time for all that."

Italy's three England-based players all distinguished themselves. Roberto Di Matteo glided shrewdly into good positions and could have scored more than his one goal. Zola had his usual moments of sublime trickery, and hit the bar. Fabrizio Ravanelli, who returned to the team only because Christian Vieri was ill, had an excellent, selfsacrificing game, showing not only his habitual thrust, but no small skill in bringing others into the game.

The Poles made meagre opposition. Where, at Wernbley, they had attacked an uncertain England, here they sat back and waited for things to happen. With just one player up, sporadically sup-ported, the Poles tested Italy only twice, at the beginning and end of the second half.

Each time, the goalkeeper. Angelo Peruzzi, had to come to the rescue. First when Mavak. a second-half substitute, decided to go it alone, strode through the middle of the Italy rearguard and had his shot blocked, Then, when Nowak. who had tormented the England defence at Wembley, came suddenly to vibrant life. creating a line chance for Warzycha, Peruzzi saved with his legs.

"We'll have to play differently against England." Nowak said. No doubt they will.



Baggio scores the final goal for Italy in the 3-0 victory over Poland in Naples on Wednesday night

Scotland in need of style counselling

By Kevin McCarra

A 2-1 defeat by Sweden in Gothenburg has reminded Scotland that they must live within their means. Previous results in World Cup qualifying group four had suggested that Craig Brown's side could make their way to the finals with an aristocratic swagger but, while hopes of reaching France are still strong, they will play the remaining fixtures with their humility

Under Brown, the inclination of the Scot to lurch between elation and despair is no longer permitted and he is right to view events in the Ullevi Stadium as a disappointment rather than a trage dy. After all, no extravagant hypotheses are required to envisage his side recovering from their difficulties. "If Austria and Sweden

and we win our last three games, then we will win the group," Brown said. Since Scotland's last three fixtures are against Belarus, home and away, and Latvia, at home, full points ought to be secured. It was, though, the nature of the game in Gothenburg that was more alarming than the implications of the result.

Sweden scarcely bothered to fiddle around in midfield, preferring to launch the ball repeatedly into Scotland's

defence. The strategy was as pertinent as it was crude. Kennet Andersson and Martin Dahlin were too strong and slick for the centre backs. Colin Hendry and Colin Calderwood, both of whom require operations that rule them out of the trip to Minsk on June 8, had a punishing

They could not be reprimanded, however, when Scot-land's principal failure lay in an inability to protect them.

GROUP FOUR

MATCHES TO COME: May 18: Estones v Latvia. June 8: Latvia v Austria; Estonia v Sweden; Belarus v Scotland. Aug 20: Estonia v Austria; Belarus v Sweden; Latvia v Sweden; Latvia v Estonia: Scotland v Belarus. Sept 10: Belarus v Austria; Sweden v Latvia. Oct 11: Austria v Belarus; Sweden v Latvia. RESULTS: Sweden 5 Belerus 1; Austria 0 Scotland 0; Belerus 1 Estonia 0; Latvia 1 Sweden 2; Latvia 2 Scotland 2; Estonia 0; Belerus 1; Austria 2; Sweden 0 Austria 1; Austria 2 Latvia 1; Scotland 1 Sweden 0; Estonia 0 Scotland 0 (in

that his midfield is an area of expertise, but Gary McAIlister, Paul Lambert and John Collins were never able to create the patterns of passing that would have slowed the rhythm of the game:,

The match was hectic to its close and only belatedly did the frenzy benefit Scotland, as Kevin Gallacher scored from McAllister's corner in the 87th minute. The narrow margin of a comprehensive defeat was deceptive, but Scotland will not succumb to delusion. Brown is grateful to have split the points with Sweden, who lost, undeservedly, 1-0 at Ibrox in November.

Tommy Svensson's team seem to have emerged from a period of ill-fortune, but damage has already been done. Scotland should be glad, as the group unfolds, that they may well triumph over their

SAILING

Brave crews experience ultimate test'

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE tough fourth leg of the BT Global Challenge, between Sydney and Cape
One starting finding was Town, saw the most extreme conditions ever faced by the David Thomas-designed Challenge yachts, according to research by Andrew Roberts, the race technical

While the crews prepare for departure from Cape Town on Sunday and the 7,000-mile voyage to Boston - the penultimate leg of the race - Roberts has been finding out what his boats and their intrepid crews put up with in the south Indian

Analysis of the logbooks makes for sobering reading and lends weight to Rob erts's conclusion that the 6,200 mile fourth leg the ultimate test for the yachts and their crew". Weather conditions were far more extreme than those encountered on the second leg, from Brazil to New Zealand and worse than anything seen in the 1992-93

The highest recorded wind speed was 76 knots and during the 41 days the flect was at sea, there were 12 days on which wind strengths of more than 60 knots were logged, with 28 days on which gale force winds were recorded.

The competition. very intense whatever the conditions," Roberts said. "Yachts tacking on wind-shifts while beating to windward at 7.5knots in 55knots (storm force ii) of freezing Southern Ocean wind, was not unusual. Some yachts recorded as many as 13 sail changes in a 12-hour period, despite the gruelling conditions."

Roberts identified another hazard in the sudden changes in wind strength. While the hulls and most of the hardware came through, the ordeal relatively, unscathed,... the with 101 damaged out of a fleet total of 168. One reason for this was the tendency for the wind to increase from

around 25-30 knots to 50-60

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TABLE TENNIS

the damage to tough storm trysails, which are flown above the folded mainsail in extreme conditions. Despite the fact that the tack of the sail is around 4ft above the gooseneck and thus about 14st above the waterline. three of these sails were damaged by wave action. Waves hitting windward topsides were also powerful enough to cause significant panel indentation in the forward sections of the steel

Altogether there were six knockdowns that caused damage to radar domes 12 feet above the water. Stanchions were bent under the weight of water and three compasses were washed off binnacies. Despite the earlier difficulties with stranding rigging wire during the sec-and leg, there were few rig problems other than two

bent rigging screws.
Crew volunteers, including The Times's Jim Capstick, on Ocean Rover and Lucy Duncan on Concert, have already reported on how uncomfortable and unpleasant the fourth leg was, but now Roberts has backed them up with hard data. Altogether better conditions can be expected for the trip to Boston.

Mike Golding, on Group 4, is the overall fleet leader and, with three wins in the first four legs, he is now the strong favourite for overall honours. Golding will be keeping a close watch for his nesrest rival, Simon Walker, en Toskiba Wave Warrior, who is 22 hours behind

Lower down the fleet, the disabled crew on Tone & Tide under James Hatheld, will be looking to at least maintain their position at twelfth overail. They are less than an hour behind Adrian Donovan, on Heath: Inand "Hatfield's Heroes" can be expected to do all in their power to get ahead by the time that they reach

Bradford improve survival chances

By Our Sports Staff

BRADFORD City improved their chances of survival in the Nationwide League first division with a 1-0 home win over Charlton Athletic last night. Victory lifted them out of the relegation zone, but they still need to beat Queens Park Rangers in their last match, at Valley Parade on Suriday, to be certain of staying up.

The Bradford goal came in the 37th minute, when an inswinging free-kick from Tommy Wright was headed into

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Nigel Pepper. Before then, Charlton had looked the more dangerous side as Mark Kinsella and John Robinson hit the woodwork. Both sides had chances in a

the top corner of the net by

time, when Richard Liburd. the Bradford right back, was sent off for aiming a head butt

ian Wright, the Arsenal

there was drama in stoppage

striker, has been summoned by the Football Association for comments he allegedly made to the referee, Mike Rilev. after Arsenal's 1-1 draw with Blackburn Rovers at Highbury on April 19. Wright was angered by Garry Flitcroft's late equaliser, a goal that effectively ended Arsenal's chances of winning the FA Carling Premiership.

Arsenal subsequently accused Chris Sutton of breaking the spirit of the game by forcing the corner from which Flitcroft scored, after Arsenal had kicked the ball into touch because a player was lying injured. Wright's frustration boiled over as he walked off the pitch and allegedly directed comments at the official.

Colin Hendry, the Blackburn central defender, could find himself in trouble with Fifa, the world governing body, as a result of his criticism of Pierluigi Collina, who refereed Scotland's World Cup qualifying defeat by Sweden in Gothenburg on Wednesday. Hendry accused the Italian official of bias.

Wigan Athletic announced a £24 million development at Robin Park, with a 25,000capacity stadium. Orrell rugby union club will lease the stadium for its matches.

draw in Vienna in September Conference contest at crossroads

OVERSHADOWED by the confrontation between Here-ford United and Brighton and Hove Albion, the contest to see who will replace the unlucky one of them that finishes bottom of the Nationwide League will be decided on the final day of the Vauxhall Conference season tomorrow (Walter Gammie

Macclesfield Town missed the chance to clinch the title on Wednesday when they were held to a 3-3 draw at Halifax Town, but have a final opportunity to make sure against Kettering Town at Rockingham Road

Lying in wait are Kidderminster Harriers, two points behind, three goals worse off on goal difference, but having scored 83 goals to their rivals' 76 should a further category be needed to split them. They travel to play Gateshead.

Halifax have further work to do to retain their Conference place at home to Stevenage Borough, while Bath City, two points behind, play their final match against Northwich Victoria at Twerton Park Should Halifax join Altrincham and Bromsgrove Rovers in going down, serious talking will begin with the feeder leagues joint-liaison

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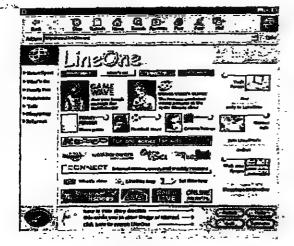
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Perien Formula One's driving force 115A5 another. Mate Mosley takes foot off the accelerator tive, self-defensive culture the encourages introspection. A that manters in the pit lane winning the next race at the small talk



was an awful day, in: every sense of the word. Torrential rain swept the Hockenheim circuit and low cloud shrouded the pine forest in which Jim Clark was killed instantly, when his Lotus slewed off the toad on the lifth lap of an inconsequential Formula Two race. Death, in its timeless fashion, defined

The shock of Clark's loss, on April 7, 1968, was as profound as that of Ayrton Senna's more than 26 years later. Each was the pre-eminent driver of his - generation, a philosophical man of matchless talent. Max Mosley knew them both and uses their memory to remind his sport of its responsibilities. As president of the FIA, the world governing body of mo-tor sport, he is the driving force behind the safety campaign launched in the aftermath of Senna's death. He has 'a politician's cumning and complexity, but it is as a frustrated driver, who competed in the race in which Clark perished, that he finds his

central source of motivation. -"Everybody is formed by their own experiences and, to · · · · me, it just seemed a wicked -waste of life," he said. "Of the ·21 people who started the race in which Jimmy was killed, three were dead by July. All but two of the cars didn t have: seatbelts. If anything went wrong you were effectively sitting in a petrol bath, with nothing to protect you except a

couple of thin bicycle tubes.
"We were racing at 170mph,



two yards of grass before you started collecting pine trees. The attitude was, well, if you don't like that, you don't have to do it'. A racing driver sees it as his duty to go as fast as: possible and, as an administrator, I take it as a moral duty to do what I can to protect

"I don't mind crashes in which minor injuries are sustained because, despite our best efforts, they cannot be prevented, but I don't want people crippled and I don't with no guard-rails. Make a want them dead. People might mistake and all you had was say that taking away signif-

cant danger would diminish Formula One's popularity, but it has never been more popular, nor more safe."

Formula One is trapped in a ruthlessly competitive evolutionary cycle, which consumes vast amounts of money and fosters elitist attitudes. Designers such as Adrian controversially re-Newey, controversially re-cruited by McLaren from Williams, are paid £2 million a year to find a way around the regulations sanctioned by Mosley, whose methods of controlling speeds are being widely questioned.

Drivers, led by Jacques Villenueve and Michael Schumacher, are scathing about the proposals for 1998 which involve the introduction of narrower cars and grooved tyres. The prevailing mood among team owners is summarised by Ron Dennis, the McLaren team director, who said: "What they are saying is that we have to spend a lot of money to go slower. I have a real problem with that." Mosley's response is equally

point," he insisted. "The prob-

that people are making





instant judgments on what is very much a first attempt to develop something different. Our aim is to freeze times at 1996 levels and to stop the tyre war in Fl taking us into

another league of speed.

I wish people would stop contemplating their navels.
We had all these silly complaints when we introduced something similar in rallying and the drivers soon came to terms with the changes. It will be the same in Fl. In truth, what we are proposing will be an enormous test of skill." Formula One is a distincencourages introspection. All that matters in the pit lane is winning the next race and sustaining the small talk of petry politics. Mosley's obligation, to consider the wider ramifications of modifying the

sport as a global commodity in

a digital age. is, by its very

nature, confrontational. He envisages Formula One moving away from its European power base, with venues such as Malaysia, South Ko-rea, China and India opening up unexplored audiences. His search for the right niche in the marketplace involves promoting perceived vices, such as the lack of overtaking manoeuvres on modern tracks, as potential virtues.

"It is true that it is too difficult to overtake, but that doesn't mean that it should be too frequent an experience," he said. There is now a sense of significance when someone speciacle."

'A driver sees it as his duty to go fast. I have a duty to protect them'

Mosley added: "In essence, we are talking about the differences between basketball and soccer. Basketball is a game of instant gratification, a game of hundreds of points. "Soccer is a game of greater

subtlety, a game of two or three goals. The world prefers football and that is a culrural difference we must recognise. A Formula One race is a truly global event for hundreds of millions of

people."
The cynics will regard such sentiments as the first instalment of the sales pitch for Formula One's widely anticipated stock market flotation and probably miss the under lying irony of Mosley's point. To flourish commercially, motor racing must retain its humanity and that means accepting the potentially fatal consequences

SPORTS LETTERS

Limited appeal for fielders

From Mr Senaka Weeraratna

Sir, Time and again the cricket public has watched in horror as television replays show an umpire's decision, upholding or dismissing an appeal against a batsman, to be in grave error. But the hardest thing has been to see an injustice on television replays. and then to note that the technology that detected the umpire's error is not being used to correct the error. Patently wrong umpiring decisions are allowed to stand because of the absence of a mechanism in the laws of cricket to overturn them.

In the judicial system, a dissatisfied litigant has the right of appeal against a decision of a judge, to a higher court or a full bench. Likewise, a similar principle of appeal should find expression in cricket laws and allow a dissatisfied captain of a team to appeal against a ground umpire's decision to the third

umpire. Greater justice in umpiring decisions has been secured because of the participation of the third umpire, who, upon the request of a ground um-

Foreign accolade From Mr Neil P. Benedict

Sir, As an Englishman who has lived in New York City for more than 25 years, I was pleased and moved to read a detailed obituary with picture of Denis Compton in The New York Times last week. The prominence given to it is clear testament to the depth of recognition for Compton. I do not recall any other non-US sportsman receiving such

This article prompted me to think of similar sportsmen who, in my lifetime (born 1948), have had as much impact as Compton. It is a short select list:

Muhammad Ali (boxing). Roger Bannister (track). Lew Hoad (ten-nis). Barry John (rugby union). Michael Jordan (basketball). Mickey Mande (baseball). Joe Montana (American football). Arnold Palmer (golf), Pele (soccer). This is a personal choice which, obviously, is open to much debate. Yours sincerel

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pire, can determine appeals for run-outs and stumpings. This process should be extended, with the third umpire being required to perform an appellate role in respect of doubtful carches, behind or in front of the wicket, and runouts and stumpings (which are not referred to the third umpire by a ground umpire).

Any objection that a two-tier appeal process would unduly protract or destabilise the game can be met by restricting the number of appeals against the ground umpires' decisions to five per side per innings. This way, some of the bad ground umpiring decisions, particularly in respect of ap-peals for caught behind the wicket, could be corrected.

The use of the proposed appeal mechanism may also contribute in some way towards containing the unnecessary tension that flares from time to time between cricket playing nations because of poor umpiring decisions.

Yours faithfully. SENAKA WEÉRARATNA. 40 Malak Crescent, Darwin, NT 0812,

Youngest entrant

From Mr Mike Greenland

Sir. Your front-page article (April 22) on the table tennis player, Katy Parker, reported that she would be the "youn-gest English athlete to compete in a world championship" at the age of 12 years 144 at might

However, Mark Richmond represented Great Britain in the 1994 International Optimist dinghy world championships, in Sardinia. aged 12 years 142 days.

Yours sincerely.
MIKE GREENLAND. Chairman. International Optimist Class Association (UK). 18 Ashmeads Way. Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset

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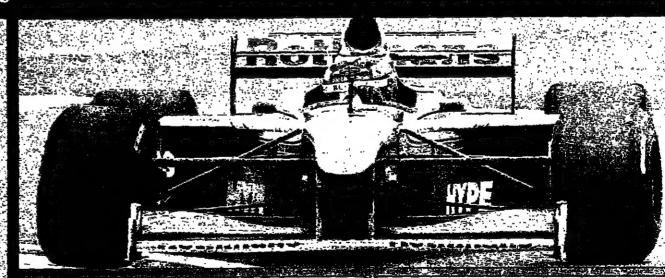
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08 D Coulthard	45	318	20 S Nakano	10	283			
09 R Barrichello	36	149	21 N Larini	118	431			
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England flag despite enthusiasm of supporters at Wembley



The crowd on Wednesday night knew better than to let the football ruin their evening. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Pomp but little circumstance

mismatch between ocmight think I'd learnt by now. On Wednesday evening, at a Wembley Stadium caressed thrillingly by a low. warm sun, 71,000 people waved flags for glory. And it was grand. An anthem played. The players strode nobly on to the pitch, their fans cheering a suitable heroes welcome. Because heroes are what they are, of course, and 30 years of hurt never stopped me

People were terribly pleased to see Alan Shearer again, but personally, it was when I saw David (sniff) Seaman emerge from the tunnel that I felt that they used to talk about in Peanuts. David Seaman. Such grace. Such beauty. And such a very tasteful outfit. What a man. I just hope nobody told him how leaky the England goal was, all the time he couldn't be with us. I'd hate him to feel guilty.

But then 8 o'clock came and the football started and the heady spirit of occasion was obliged to sort of carry on without visible means of justification. This is a weird aspect of sport that you really don't find elsewhere - that the event can still turn out like a bad provincial matinée of improvised mime, even when the occasion is the equivalent of a new Ken Branagh opening to flash-bulbs on Leicester Square. It's bizarre. Sport just doesn't obey the rules of entertainment. Which is perhaps why the crowd on Wednesday night knew better than to let the football ruin their evening. During this generally uninspiring match, their Mexstrange, warm-puppy feeling ican waves were among the most committed I've ever seen.

I see that the reunited Shear-

er and Sheringham have been dubbed "the SAS" in some newspapers after their performance on Wednesday, which is amusing. True. Sheringham's excellent header just before half-time had a certain

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45 ABBEYLUBBER

(a) A lazy monk. A reproachful name in regular use after the Reformation. The Dissolution of the monasteries, that fed Abbey-Lubbers and wanton Nuns."

(b) A barbarian, from the Latin barbarus. Superseded since the 18th century by barbarian and barbarous. "Blood shed by these barbars and burriers."

(a) A buil calf. a young bull. Hence, transferred for use as a term of endearment. From the Dutch and Old Low German. "My sweet choice bulkin, my force and my power only."

(c) The ace of clubs in quadrille and ombre. From the Spanish basto in the same sense, the whole suit of Clubs being also called Bastos, and the ace being el Basto par excellence. Pope, The Rape of the Lock, 1714: "Him basto follow'd, but his fate more hard. Gain'd but one trump and one plebeian card."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I ... Nxd4+! 2 Rxd4 (2 ... cxd4 is met the same way) 2 ... Rgel+ 3 Kf3 Qxh3+

LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

courageous abseiling-intoembassy quality, but that's surely as far as it went on the task-force front? It's my untrained eye that's to blame. Wednesday was a good opportunity for watching the two men together, but I have trouble with spotting these two players: both seem modestly to disappear from play except when actually banging in the goals. Dr Johnson once generously described a friend's conversation as having no minute-hand, but he strikes the hour very correctly". That's how Sheringham's football always seems to me.

How frustrating it was. Glory was realistically on the cards. Georgia posed so little real threat. Yet England couldn't (or wouldn't) grasp the nettle. In the first half, virtually all the action was towards the Georgian goal, by which I only mean (unfortunately) in the Georgian goal's direction, or in the Georgian goal's half. It was as if Seaman had said, "Look, lads, promised my Mum I wouldn't get this outfit dirty", and the team had replied. "Leave it to us".

And sure enough, Seaman never really saw them again. He waved to them occasionally, but that was all. England attacked, doggedly and even ingeniously, but (alas) as if they couldn't quite remember why. The attack was so blunt and undangerous, it was well, uphoistered. From the Georgian point of view, it must have felt uncannily like the Attack of the Comfy Chairs. And soft-furnishing is surely not the effect our saint-

ed manager desired.

Of course, the youthful Beckham was rather dashing. and Le Saux made good breaks, but all the time one couldn't help thinking of those wonderful wheeling limbs of Steve McManaman, strapped to the subs' bench, as if in punishment."Do you think Glenn Hoddle will put Glenn Hoddle will put McManaman on at half-time and admit he was wrong not to include a player of such energy and inspired play-making in the original line-up? I asked a Chap Who Knew in the press box. "Oh yes, this is no time for silly pride," he replied. But although Macca was seen to warm up once or twice, it was only a cruel tease. and he simply wasn't allowed out to play. Can it be true that Hoddle disapproves of enthusiasm? His joylessness is a proper downer.

o what was there to watch at Wembley on Wednesday apart from the two longawaited goals? Well, thrills and spills. Rarely have 22 men tumbled over on grass in more spectacular varieties or combinations. They skidded, slipped, tripped, dived, bodysurfed and somersaulted, and personally I uphold the dire suspicion that the pitch had been recently watered. Every tackle had the grace and subtle impact of colliding elephants

degree of shoving and anklehacking (from both sides) was shameful. Look around the pitch at any moment, and you'd find half a dozen bodies struggling to regain the

Except for Seaman, of course, whose classy outfit remained spotless to the end. Whenever play was dull, I studied his lone, handsome physique through binoculars and to be honest, it was great. Here he stood, a romantic embodiment of energy at rest, and it was easy to imagine him in a range of dashing, boy's-own hero en-sembles, all of which would suit him exquisitely. Why doesn't the Arsenal club shop do a range of dolls? Spitfire pilot Seaman, with cravat. T.E. Lawrence Seaman in draping robes, with jewel-handled scimitar. Or best of all, Indiana Seaman. Some people doubt the value of binoculars at a football match, but they are an unrivalled way of making your own enter-Finally, while much was

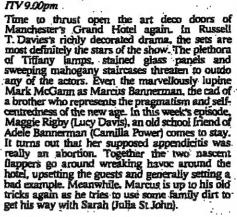
made of the brilliantly executed last-minute goal by Shearer, a tiny voice within me just won't be quelled. Doesn't it put some gilt on the gingerbread, getting a free kick just six yards from the goal? I only ask. The equivalent in tennis would be a chance to serve a winning ace while your opponent agrees to be tethered by a short rope to the umpire's chair. "I can't do this, it's silly." "No, you go ahead, it's in the rules." "But it's silly, I can't." I don't understand. But Sheringham struck the Johnsonian hour correctly, back-heeled the ball for Shearer, and Shearer rocketed it perfectly into the top corner of the net. It was terrifically skilful, I can see that. But at the same time, it's not such a lot to be proud of.

TELEVISION CHOICE

When the tornado came

Blow me down! — yet another programme about hurricanes and tornadoes. Obviously the allure of these freaks of Mother Nature is undeniable. While we fuss about a spell of dry weather or a cold snap, our American brethren are holding their breath in case their houses disappear overnight. There have been scientific programmes explaining. bream in case their houses disappear overnight, there have been scientific programmes explaining these conditions and profiles about those foolhardy fellows who track their courses. Now comes this half-hour of footage captured by such eyewitnesses as the splendidly named Sheriff Randy Stubblefield, who picked up his camcorder the day the Pampa tornado of June 1995 came to his town. Others might have thought longingly of a nice, deep cellar in which to hide, but then we would have been deprived of some awe-inspiring footage.

The Grand



Sunnyside Farm BBC2, 9,30pm

What a nasty little person Richard Preddy and Gary Howe have created in the character of Ray Sunnyside: mucky as a cowpat but not as useful. In the second part of their rural sitcom that turns the sod over on the myth of the rustic life, things get



Steve Coogan as Paul Calf (C4, 11.05pm)

even more basic. Having "totalled" the kitchen while drunk in charge of a tractor. Ray (Phil Daniels) gets one step closer to getting his gruhby paws on his middle-class neighbour Wendy when she invites him and his one-chicken-short-of-a-henhouse brother (Mark Addy) to stay. As played by Daniels, Ray is a distant cousin of Harold Steptoe, a life-form incapable of evolving out of the primeval mud, however hard he tries. Added benefits are Matt Lucas's surreal humour and Michael Kitchen as the ghastly and gloating landowner. Recommended viewing, even if you need a jolly good wash afterwards.

What's Up Dockers? Channel 4, 11.05pm

This is essentially a record of the benefit show for the Liverpool dockers who have been engaged in an industrial dispute since September 1995. Not a an industrial dispute since September 1995. Not a lot of people know about this strike and so more than 50 comedians got together to put on a show at the London Palladium to raise money and awareness. Among the edited highlights is Eddie Izzard's lovely routine about how birds would feel if they flew in an aeroplane, while so Brand. Steve Coogan (as Paul Call), Sean Hughes, Alan Davies and Rob Newman (as the debauched Lord Jarvis of Schol talk about set a lot. Only Kevin Day hothers. Sohol talk about sex a lot. Only Kevin Day bothers with the political stuff. Julian Clary filmed links in Liverpool, talking to the women standing by their

Sarah Walker's report from innsbruck implicitly contradicts what Lorenzo says to Jessica in The

Merchant of Venice. To paraphrase it (and, I am

afraid, to do less than justice to some of the most gorgeous words Shakespeare ever penned), the

humans can ever hope to manage. Innsbruck's annual Music as Utopia festival unites music-makers from East and West and underscores the resulting musical harmony with religious and political philosophising. This extraordinary amalgam of music and words in the Austrian Tyroi is the brainchild of the Crepaz family. Sarah Walker meets them and also some of the leatured composers and performers.

Peter Davalle

ivens make more harmonious music than we

RADIO CHOICE

Hear and Now

Radio 3, 10,00pm

The Front Radio 4, 8.50pm

If there is a message in Sara Parker's inquiry into those little white lies all lovers tell each other from time to time, it's that only when they change colour and size, and become dirty great black ones, is the damage done. There must have been an awful lot damage done. There must have been an awful lot of pretence going on between one couple mentioned tonight because the husband declares that it took a divorce for him to find out what his exwife was really like. Does anyone ever live happily ever after as they do in the fairy tales? The Front ends with one couple who seem to have managed it. But we are not told whether their romantic success is because they always tell each other the ruth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. One can only ponder. One can only ponder.

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Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B Minor); Grieg (Violin
Sonata In C. Op 45 No 3); Shostakovich (Prejude
and Fugue, Op 87 No 16); Mosolov (fron
Foundry); Weber (Der Freischütz, excerpts);
Schubert (Plano Sonata in D. D850)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore Includes
Grieg (Peer Gynt, Suite No 2); Delius (kylle de
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12.00 Composer of the Week: Hayda

1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert. Chris De Souza hitroduces a concert by Caphicom.

Recorded in February at St George's, Brandon Hill in Bristol. Milhaud (Sultre D'Apres Corrette for Oboe, Clarinet and Bassoon); Satie (Ragtime Parade for Pieno); Durey (Sonatine for Flute and Piano); Auric (Adieu New York for Piano); Honegger (Arabesque for Clarinet and Piano); Honegger (Danse de la Chèvre for Flute); Poulenc (Tho for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano)

2.00 Private Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to the psychotherapist Adem Philips, author of On Kissing, Tickling and Being Bored, On Fibration and his lalest, Monogarry. His musical choices include Schumenn, Bax, Janacek, Wagner, Webern and Bob Dylan (f)

3.00 Mining the Archive. Susan Sharpe explores the diverse recorded legacy of the oboist Janet Cradton. Includes pieces by Mozart, Martinu, Lennox, Berkeley, Milhaud, Handet and Bach

5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson and James Doheney discuss those likely to be the musical

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5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Greeni Includes Viveldi (Celio Concerto in G. Rivi 13); Lalo (Overture: La Roi d'Ys); Scarlati (Sounding the Century). The opening concet of this year is Sonorities (Sounding the Century). The opening concet of this year is Sonorities Festival, live from the Welenfront in Belfast. With the Ulster Orchestra, under Chelies Naziewood. With Adias. Alieva, placo: donn't alwarms (Cowards the Sun); Schriftle (Concerto for placo and strings) 9.15. Life on Mars. This striy of a woman who begins to see strange itings after her husband's death; Written by Clerk Boylan and read by Dervis Kirwen 8.35 Corciet, Part two Michael Alcom Machine's Curse); Avo Part (Symptiony No 3)

9.35 Icame Rising. The last of five programmes apporting the uppact on western imagination of the invention of the aeroplane.

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Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, fincludes 1.00 Monteverd (Solemn Vespers for the Feast of St Lorenzo) 2.30 Chamber Concert Includes Mendelssohn, Adesion, Duriák and Stravinsky 4.30 Haydn (Symphony No. 100 in G, Military); Falla (La Vida Breve) 6.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day and Sports News 8.58 Weather
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11.30 The World at One Election Results Special. Analysis and reaction to the results of yesterday's polls. Presented by Nick Clarke.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current alfairs with Mark Writtaker.

12.25pm Food Programme. The weekly delve into the latest cultinary news. Presented by Derek Cooper.

12.55 Weather.

1.40 The World at One, with Nick Clarke.

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 Classic Serial: Rogue Herries, by Hugh Walpole Dramatised by Eric Pringle With Gavin Muir, Mark Bornar and Janet Maw (2/4) (r).

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8.50 The Front. See Choice (2/4)
9.15 Lafter from America. Another side of Stateside life served up by Allstair Cooke
9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature. Lawrence Philips investigates the French city of Life which from the early 1980s, res embraced the great European vision of the future (r)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting 10.45 Book at Bedfunes One of Ourse The Philips Prize-winning novel written by Wills Cainer, Read by lan Porter (2/12)
11.00 Week Ending. The topical comedy electric week's events. With Sally Graca, Dave Lamb and Serah Parkinson.

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Parkinson

11.25 Fourth Column. A new series of the weekly programme that takes a quazzoal jook at recent events. Presented by *Times* columnist John

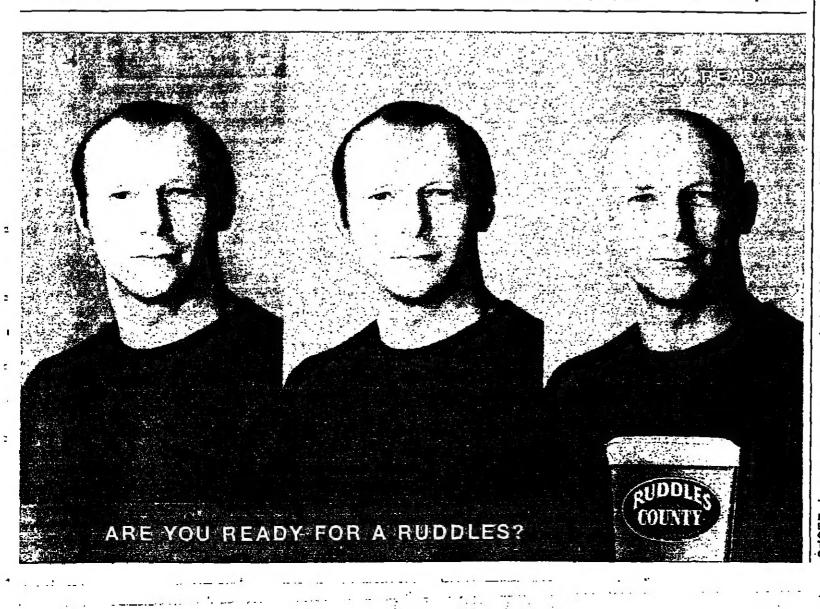
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11.45 The New Recruit. A series in which old and new hands from a variety of careers compage roles. A recently retired refuse collector hands on his expense to a young new recruit (r):

12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: High Fidelity: The acclaimed novel by Nick Homby, Reed by Alent Davies (8/10):

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Parrott lead the teams (T) (8111)-

the LAPD before retiring begins receiving reports of various violent incidents and eventually realises that one man links them all. Also with Robert Duvall and Barbara Hershey. Directed by Joel Schumacher (T) (934668)

11.45 The Sure Thing (1985) Rob Reiner directs this comedy, with John Cusack and Dephrie Zunigs as mismatched. werring college students who are forced to travel cross-country together. Fresh-man Walter Gibson is offered the chance

1.15am Weather (4042390) WALES: 1.15 News headlines and weather (4042390) VideoPios+ and the Video PlusCodes

ntil 10 o'clock and the mass eiger. This, we learnt, is for three hicles, while they patrolled on foot outbreak of Dimblebys, it reasons. One is that the animals was very much business are trapped or hunted by poachas normal last night. IIV even ers, who bribe wardens to look the launched a couple of new series; as other way and then sell the carcasses - particularly the bones - for Chinese medicines. The second is economic development. As one of the exclusively Indian interviewees put it "I have not seen a tiger yet that has actually benefited from a nuclear reactor, hydro plant or a four-lane highway." Apart from

Esso's, I suppose.
Tully, however, saved his hardest criticisms for the third threat alleged mis-management by India's wildlife conservation agencies. "Millions of pounds have been raised but nobody seems to know how the money has been spent." To back himself up he tracked down forest wardens who hadn't been paid for five months and rangers who had to fight off poachers equipped with automatic weapons and four-wheel-drive vearmed only with a stick.

The argument was persuasive, but was more soundbites than hard fact. Was an organisation such as the selfgoverning Worldwide Fund for Nature India, which spent half its income on administration, doing better or worse than other WWF agencies around the world or indeed than similar organisations in India? But as Maneka Gandhi former minister of environment and now an active wildlife campaigner put it: "I don't want to save a secretary, I want to save a tiger." You can tell she's not standing for election any more.

As if to taunt the Independent Television Commission, which criticised it recently for overdependence on formula drama, the ITV Network Centre unveiled its second new police series of the week. On Tuesday. Touching Evil REVIEW

Sleaze, assassinations: business as usual



Matthew Bond

was about a male and a female police officer who both work for OSC, Organised and Serial Crime Unit Last night, Bodyguards was about a male and female police office who both work for the CPG. Close Protection Group. I felt a hohum coming on.

Like Robson Green in Touching Evil, Sean Pertwee as Worrell was on secondment from GLHWNE (good-looking hunks with nice

crack PPPW (Preposterously Pretty Police Women - founder members Amanda Pays. Orla Brady. Pooky Quesnel). She'd got the tight white T-shirt to prove it.

Once we'd got over the surprise of the opening few seconds, when crazy Clare from Peak Practice (Yolanda Vazquez) pitched up as a Bosnian terrorist, the main plot advanced perfectly well. Jeffrey Caine and Julian Jones had come up with a confident reworking of Day of the Jackal, with a sniper in London out to assassinate a Bosnian Serb suspected of war crimes. It was CPG's job - and I hope this didn't come as too much of a shock

 to stop him.
 The problem, however, was the subplot. Even if you bought the premise that an enterprising terrorist group might take Worrell's estranged wife and daughter hostage to increase the chances of the

eves) while Louise Lombard as Liz assassination anempt succeeding. Shaw was clearly a member of the what happened next defied belief. Really. Shaw should have listened to her nervous colleague as they staked out the sumptuous Worrell residence. There's units trained for this sort of thing - this isn't our job." Too right

> Perhaps DI Shaw was buying new T-shirts when the lec-L ture on basic siege-storming happened, or worrying about her blonde highlights - we shall never know. But whatever the reason. having burst into the house in the approved explosive manner, she made the rather important mistake of pausing for a chat. After virtually exchanging "after you".
> "no, after you", the Bosnian terrorist decided he would shoot Worrell's wife dead, before he and his partner were shot dead.

> It remains to be seen what being directly responsible for the death of your partner's former wife does

for the unresolved sexual tension that tradition dictates exists between Worrell and Shaw, Not a lot, I suspect, but we're entering uncharted territory.

We're also entering uncharted

territory with My Wonderful Life (ITV), which is a good reason for waiting for a couple more weeks before coming to any firm conclusions about Simon Nye's latest creation. Anything described as comedy-drama runs the risk of not being funny enough to be comedy and not being dramatic enough to be drama. Emma Wray supplied most of the latter last night as Donna, overworked nurse and single mother of two, while Tony Robinson contributed most of the laughs as Alan, her ghastly, trendy liberal neighbour who believes: There won't be genuine democracy in the National Health Service until the patients form their own trade union." Now there's a thought for a new government.

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if to signal that whatever this

morning held, television life went

on. Rather comforting, I thought

The evening kicked off, however.

with the by now familiar sight of

veteran BBC reporter in crumpled

suit rushing around alleging all sort of awful things — bribery:

corruption, high level conspira-

cies. Turned out not to be Martin

Bell at all, but Mark Tully, a man

who's had so many rows with the

corporation you expect him to run

for parliament any day now, but actually is still making documen-

taries. Rather good ones, as this opening instalment of Rast

According to Tully, sleaze is

threatening an already endan-

gered species with extinction. Not the Tory party, but the Bengal

(BBC2), turned out.

6.00am Business Breakfast (82579) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70647)

9.00 Election 97 David Dimbleby examines the conquences of the election result. Jeremy Payman interviews senior politiclans and Peter Snow analyses the night's events (5111685)

NB: Subsequent programmes subject to change

12.30pm Regional News (33531) WALES: Wales Today Election Special (33531) 1,00 News (1) and weather (6455753) 1,35 Regional News (86055227)

1.45 Neighbours Darren pesters Libby to make a decision (40145685) 2.10 Election 97 Coverage of the last stace of the election as the results come in from Northern Ireland, Including live coverage from Downing Street, Buckingham Palace, the party headquarters and

around the country (90385314) NE: Subsequent programmes subject to

4.30 The New Yogi Beer Show (7388666) 4.35 Ace Ventura: Pet Detactive (1618111) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4876045) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (8652869) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (321:173) : 6,00 News (T) and weather (41550)

7.00 Regional Names (2276) 7,30 Weekend Watchdog Anne Robinson takes tour operators to lask for allegedly. turning holiday-meters' lives into a living hell, and Johnsthan Maitland reports from Dublin on whether or not Irish been brewed in the UK carr be genuine (T) (47)

8.00 Porridge A series of theirs plague the inmates, so Fletcher decides to stage a mock trial to bring the culprit to justice. Classic comedy, with Ronnie Berker, Richard Beckinsale and Maurice Denham

8.30 A Question of Sport David Coleman

9.00 News (T) and weather (4005) 10.00 Palting Down (1993) Michael Douglas
plays an unbalanced motorist who cracks
under the pressure of getting caught in a traffic jam and goes on an increasingly violent rampage across Los Angeles. A detective who is working his last day with the LAPD before retiring begins receiving

of a passionate falson in California, arranged by his best friend, Lance, He arranges to hitch a ride to the Sunshine State but unfortunately his fellow passenger is the studious, uptight and highly organised Alison Bredbury, the I organised Alison Bradbury, the living incarnation of his nightmares (1) (910005)

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9.00 The French Experience (3440918) 9.15
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1.00 Job Bank (90271424) 1.10 Job Bank (85073024) 1.20 The Developing World: Zimbelove (70878840) 1.45 Words and Pictures (86038005) 2.00 Adventures of the Garden Fairles (f) (30328208) 2.05 Tales of the Tooth Feirles (f) (30327579) 2.10 Spooker: World Championship The

second semi-final resumes (39310937) 6.00 The Simpsone Homer sees an opportunity to earn brownie points when Mr Burns falls III (I) (344550) 6.25 Top of the Pops (1) (274734)

7.00 Snooker: World Championship Live

7.00 Snooker: 'World Champlonship Live semi-final coverage (6463)'
8.00 A Goffer's Travels with Peter Allies Puter travels to Thailand where he meets big-screen legend Christopher Lee on the Blue Carryon Course near Phuket and rugby star David Carroese in Royal Huz Hin (T) (4918)

B.30 Gerdeners' World Imaginative ways of brightening up a boring patio, tips on toplary and mododendrons. Plus: Pichard Pannel, who was the sound engineer for 1970s not band Electric Light Ochestra, reveals his exotic resultation grown from seeds collected from around the world white touring with from around the world while touring with the band (T) (74005)



Phil Daniels and Mark Addy (9.30pm)

Summyside Farm Ray becomes temporarily home-tess after getting plastered and accidentally buildozing his home (1) (51937)

10.00 Reb C Nesbitt (r) (T) (57460) 19.30 Newsanight (1) (79640)
11.30 Snooleer: World Chumpionship David Vine presents a round-up of today's semi-final news at the Crudible (559899)

12.15am This Life (r) (1) (7373951) 12.40-12.45 Weather (9127680)

1.05 Open University: the Psychology of Addiction (4777932) 1.30 Whose Body (58195) 2.00 Heirdressing and Beauty Therapy (49357) 4.00 Speaking our Language/Farnously Fluent (35408) 5.00-5.30 Business and Work The Small Business Programme (56593)

HTV 6.00am GMTV (4019314)

9.25 Election '97 Introduction to set hours of programming, locusing on the result of yesterday's election (1) (3679395) 9.30 HTV West Election '97 (T) (57111)

10.00 Election '97 Jonathan Dimbleby, Michael Brunson and Alestair Stewart are back after a long night to present comprehensive coverage of the day's events (T) (700078)

12.30 News (T) and weather (68227) 1.00 HTV Election '97 (T) (68802) 1.30 Election '97 Further analysis, including responses from Sue Lawley and the ITV 500 panel of votes as they put the questions they went answered politicians now in power (904802)

4.00 The Treacle People (1) (7959734) 4.15 Where's Wally? (r) (1) (4474734) 4.40 Crazy Cottage (T) (9883227) 5.10 A Country Practice (7361753) 5.40 News (T) and weather (960078)

5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (468424) 6.05 Home and Away Special: The Musical (451314) 6.30 HTV Wenther (31) 6.35 The West Tonight (T) (233005)

7.00 Lucky Numbers (T) (5024)

7.30 Coronation Street Tricia and Jamie bld a fond farewell to the Street (T) (43) 8.00 The Bill Garfield and Page search for a missing teenager (T) (1444)



Sheriff Randy Stubblefield (8.30pm)

8,30 Eye of the Storm Richard Madeley presents camcorder tootage of extreme weather conditions around the world (T) (7109)

The Grand A father and daughter are hiding a guilty secret (T) (9173)

10.00 News (T) and weather (32314) 10.30 The West Tonight Update (212983) 10.40 The Matthew A new series looking at the

calebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of John Cabot's historic voyage to Newfoundland (518958) 10,40 At the Albert The last of the series see

the best of Bristol's jezz musicans performing at the Albert music put in Bristol (55933463) 12.15am The Wacky Weekly World News

12.35 Bonkers (T) (2885680) 1.40 In Bed with MeDinner (8833609) 2.05 Club Nation (1) (2455777)

3.05 Stand and Deliver (r) (1299777) 4.00 Planet Rock Profiles (2537403) 4.05 Coach (r) (40471970) 4.25 ITV Sport Classics (25393338)

4.30 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (27604425) 4.50 Sound Bites (64000338) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (50319) 5.30 News (10116)

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6.05-7.00 Westcountry Live (428442) 10.30 Westcountry News (212163) 10.45 Film: 1969 (45912717)

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(7361753) 6.05-7.00 Meridian Tonight (428442) 10.30 Meridian Nows and Weather (212163) 10.45 Highlander (143902)

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5.00 Freescreen (50319) ANGLIA As HTV West except:

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6.50-7.00 What's On (937579) 10,30 Anglia News and Weather (212163) 10.45 Film: The Super (55932734) 12,20am Sound Blass (9778796)

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9.00 Bewitched with Elizabeth Montgomery (r) (T) (19463) 9.30 The Black Sheep of Whitehall (1941, b/v) A comedy with Will Hey and John Mills, directed by Basil Dearden and Will

Hay (4323173) 10.55 Alf, Bill and Fred Bob Godirey's animated moral table (7459463) 11.00 Hover Doctors Medics in the remote Fly River Delta in Papus, New Guinea (r) (T) (95956) 12.00 Garden Party (r) (T) (39227) 12.30pm Light Lunch (52395) 1.30 Australia Wild Immigrant deer (r) (T)

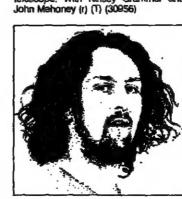
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by Chris Evans (34260)

8.00 Garden Party The team visit Glen Chantry in Essex (T) (2314) 8.30 Brookside While Casey levels

accusations at Mick and Elaine, Gladys seizes the day (T) (1821) 9.00 Caroline in the City: Caroline and the Bridesmaid Caroline mistakenty entrusts the bndesmald's duties to Annie (T)

meets a woman when he tinkers with his telescope. With Kelsey Grammer and John Mahoney (r) (T) (30956)



Glaswegian comic Phil Kay (10.30pm) 10.30 Phil Kay Feels . . . Lovely More comedy from the Scottish lunnyman (T) (948444)

1.05 What's Up Dockers? High-500 sacked Liverpool dockers. Among the line-up are Jo Brand, Eddle Izzard, Sean Hughes and Sieve Coogan (128753)

1.05 Fresh Pop (4051048)

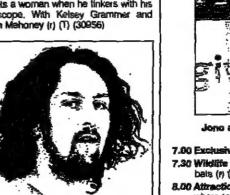
1.10 The Nenny (1965) with Bette Davis as a governess who realises her ten-year-old charge is not as innocent as he looks. Directed by Seth Holt (1) (833883)

sons Also with Sheila Hancock Directed by Roy Ward Baker (532339)

2.00 Racing from Newmarket Brough Scott

6.00 TFI Friday Music and guests introduced 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (1531)

9.30 Spin City: Kiss Me, Stupid Mike and Carter and up as a very unlikely couple Cornedy with Michael J. Fox (T) (46005) 10.00 Frasier: Here's Looking at You Martin



12.05am TFI Friday (r) (9478932)

2.55 The Anniversary (1967) A black cornedy with Bette Davis as a domineering matriarch who makes life hell for her three

4.35-5.45 Marie Merten, or the Murder in the Red Burn (1935, b/w) A melodrama with Tod Slaughter as a wicked village squire who murders his discarded mastress. Directed by George King (521050)

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6.00am 5 News Early (8122043)

7.30 Havakazoo (5977463) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8827695) 8.30 WideWorld The art work inspired by the sacred shrine at Loreto in Italy (8826956) 9.00 Espresso (2864208) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7434821) 10.30 Nancy Lam (r) (T) (8806192) 11.00 Leeza (9573192) 11.50 Double Espresso (34874482) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8897444) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (4909463) 1.00 5 News Update (49225482) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3988005) 2.00 5's Company (7408734)

Company (7408734) 3.30 Golden Boy (1939, b/w) with William Holden and Barbara Stanwyck, A young violinist takes up boxing to finance his violinist takes up boxing to finance his musical education. Directed by Rouben Mamoulian (3755376)

5.20 Wildlife SOS Highlights (35763005) 5.30 100 Per Cent Game show (9679685) 6.00 Whittle Out: (9876598) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (9650550)



Jone and Julia Bradbury (7.00pm)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (4910901) 7.30 Wildliffe SOS Hedgehogs, badgers and bals (r) (T) (9656734)

8.00 Attractions: A guide to what's on and where to go in the UK (4110109) 8.30 5 News (5665294)

9.00 Scattered Dreams (1993) with Tyne Daly and Gerald McRaney. A drama set in the American South during the 1950s, about a family lighting to clear their name. Directed by Neema Barnette (30736937) 10.50 Exclusive Extra (4975685) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Cornedy and

chat (5222260) 11.40 Club Class Cornedy presented by Richard Blackwood, teaturing Roy Diarnond, Ctycle West and John Simmit

12.10em News and sport (6089609) 12.15 I Posed for Playboy (1991) with Lynda
Carter, Michele Greene and Amanda
Peterson, The story of three women who decide to pose nude for Playboy Directed by Stephen Statford (7218661)

2.05 A Fistful of Dynamite (1971) with Rod

Steiger and James Coburn A drama set at the time of the Mexican Revolution,

about a local thief who learns up with a fugitive Insh mercenary Directed by Sergio Leone (42526357) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4564661) 5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (2812845)

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TMT 8.00pm WCW Nitro (3/8/7463) 9.00 Billy the Kid (1989) (3/8/0550) 11.00 Shadow of the Thin Man (1941) (50320395) 12.45am Crucifer of Blood (1971) (7613 1886) 2.35-5.00 Billy the Kid (1980)

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Uninspiring display against Georgia leaves England manager seeking 'special player'

Hoddle casts around for the creator

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

DAMNED with faint praise and gently castigated for choking the centre of his midfield with workers not creators. Glenn Hoddle admitted yesterday that he was searching for a player in his own image to bring a little of the beautiful game back into the play of the

England team. England's comfortable but uninspiring 2-0 win over Georgia in the group two World Cup qualifying tie at Wembley on Wednesday night proved again that the muchvaunted attacking partnership between Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, who each created a goal for the other, has grown into the team's strongest aspect, the weapon that can rescue them in adversity.

Set against that, though. was the inescapable fact that the central midfield of David

Batty, Paul Ince and Robert Lee was a barren combination, strong on resolution but weak on creativity, a trio that failed to provide any ammunition for the front two as they concentrated on snuffing out the threat from Georgi Kinkladze and Temur

David Beckham, the Manchester United midfield player, who many believe is one solution, was stuck out on the right flank again and Steve McManaman, who has linked midfield and attack so well for Liverpool at times this season. was relegated to the substi-

Some of Hoddle's critics have already suggested that he is falling victim to the saddest of ironies, that he is creeping towards a neglect of the country's most sublime talents in the same way that previous England managers chose to ignore him so often, preferring brawn to brain.

front of the match programme tograph of Hoddle in training. seemed to be a symbol of the fact that England are lacking someone of his touch and vision, someone of his famed passing ability.

The England coach said that he was satisfied with the

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20-minute spell at the begin-ning of the second half when come close to that. his team seemed to lose concentration and allow Georgia several chances to work their way back into the match. And,

although he defended the decision to leave out Mc-Manaman, reasoning that Sheringham's tendency to drop deep into midfield could have left Shearer isolated without the forging runs of Lee, he accepted that the team

on Wednesday had lacked "a wel in the crown". "The first goal was a superb goal," he said. "It was well created and if people are talking about lack of invention, there was lots of invention in that. It was a cutting edge goal. At the end of the day, they have had one shot at

have been asked if I would like to see a player in

goal and we have got three

type of player I was and there are a lew people out of the squad at the present time who

"That is the type of tactical option I would like to pursue, of course it is. You want a player who can do things There are a few players who have got that talent who have been out for a certain time

Buoyant Baggio .

with injuries. You have got Gascoigne, you have got Le Tissier and you have got Anderton.

There are four that have got that creativity that just roll off the tongue. We would all love them to be continuous features, we would all love it to be the beautiful game, but the way the modern-day game is

them. If you can have that special player, though, he is a wel in the crown."

Hoddle hinted strongly that had any one of the four named players been fit for the match against Georgia, they would probably have played and it seems likely that if any regain their fitness before the game with Poland in Katowice at the end of this month, either Lee or Batty, or possibly both, will

He also attempted to sugest that not even the places of Shearer and Sheringham were safe in the face of the need for tactical changes, for "horses-for-courses teams", that Robbie Fowler, Les Ferdinand and Ian Wright should still be hopeful of being able to force their way in.

In the end, though, he fell in with the paeans being sung to him his fifth victory in his six

You can tell him things and he remembers them when the time comes that they are needed. He has got the right kind of experience, just like Tony Adams has. I saw that with him, too, remembering the things I had told him. whereas in the last ten or 15 minutes, when fatigue set in, Sol Campbell, who had had an excellent game, started to

forget."
Hoddle even began playing the game of comparing Sheringham and Shearer with great partnerships of the past. He made a half-hearted suggestion of Lineker and Beardsley, but it was dismissed. Someone else said Brooking and Keegan, but that got short shrift, too. In desperation, the search went as far back as Kay and Astle at West Bromwich Albion, a partnership before Hoddle's time. A smile spread across his face. You've en-



Hoddle flexible

Doherty's brisk start levels out

By PHIL YATES

KEN DOHERTY and Alain Robidoux, both making their first appearance in the semifinals of the Embassy world snooker championship, found it impossible to assert their authority in the opening session at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday,

An overnight 44 deadlock was a fair reflection of the exchanges, but Robidoux, the No 14 seed, left the auditorium feeling more content with the position than his Irish rival, after being considered the outsider before play started.

Understandably confident after beating Steve Davis 13-3 and John Higgins 13-9 in the preceding rounds. Doherty enjoyed a psychological edge over Robidoux, having defeated him 9-3 in the quarterfinals of the United Kingdom championship and 6-2 in the last 16 of the Benson and Hedges Masters this season.

Doherty, who became the thirteenth player to earn more than El million in career prizemoney when he reached the semi-finals, benefited from a

predictably crisp start by winning the first frame with a 66 break. A run of 55 gave Robidoux the second, though, and after Doherty had missed the third, Robidoux unintentionally potted the yellow to a middle pocket, which left Doherty requiring a snooker that he could not obtain.

The next two frames were one-sided. Doherty levelled at 2-2 with a 60 break, Robidoux regained the lead at 3-2 with unanswered contributions of 69 and 62, but surrendered the sixth in unfortunate circumstances, when Doherty fluked a red to initiate his decisive run of 32.

A scrappy seventh frame went the way of Robidoux before Doherty, reserving his

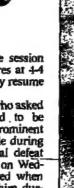
highest break of the session for last, tied the scores at 4-4 with a run of 75. They resume this morning

Darren Morgan, who asked for Naseem Hamed to be removed from a prominent seat close to the table during his 13-10 quarter-final defeat by Stephen Hendry on Wedthe boxer criticised him during a press conference to promote his featherweight world title fight against Billy

Hamed's presence, was upset when the outspoken boxer described him as "childish". Naseem added: "Stephen Hendry is the best player in the world and ... it's a silly, stupid excuse."

"I think he's talking through his hat." Morgan said. "Stephen is used to that kind of attention, that also applies to Naz [Hamed] but it made me

William Hill quotes Hendry at 3-1 on to take the title for the seventh time in eight years and he made a good start to his semi-final against James Wattana last night, recovering from the loss of the first two frames to finish 5-3 ahead at the end of the



Hardy tomorrow.

Morgan, who claimed he "intimidated" by

feel very uncomfortable."

Wattana will have taken heart from his 5-2 defeat of Hendry in the quarter-finals of the European Open in Malta two months ago, but a

RUUD GULLIT, the Chelsea



Doherty considers his next move during an even first session in his semi-final against Robidoux at the Crucible. Photograph: Eric Whitehead

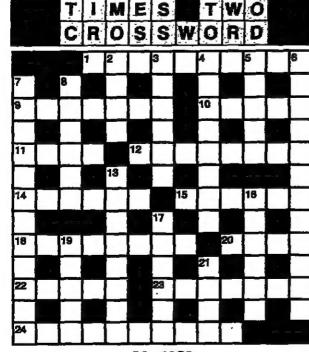
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player-manager, further expanded his array of continental talent yesterday when he signed Gustavo Poyet, the Uruguay midfield player, on a free transfer from Real Zaragoza, of Spain. Poyet will move to Stamford Bridge, under the Bosman ruling, when his contract with Zaragoza ends on June 3/1.

Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, said:
"Although Gustavo is Uruguayan, he has a Spanish
passport and has dual nationality so he doesn't need a work permit. Both the Madrid giants, Real and Atletico, were showing interest in him, as did 21 As it happens (4) some Italian clubs. It illus-

trates the pulling power of Chelsea and the Premiership. "Injuries and suspensions in recent weeks have confirmed the need for us to add to the squad in readiness for next season. Players of his calibre don't usually become

available on free transfers," Poyet, 29, played in Zarago za's winning side in the final of the Cup Winners' Cup two years ago, when they beat Arsenal, and also in one leg of the semi-final, when they defeated Chelsea. He played for Uruguay on Wednesday night, when they lost 3-1

sign Uruguayan

best-of-nine sprint is not com- his Crucible match-winning

sequence to 29.

If Hendry triumphs, it will

be his sixth title of the season

and the 29th world-ranking

tournament success of a pro-

fessional career that began in

Alan Chamberlain, 54, of Wigan, has been appointed to

referce the final of the champ-

ionship for the first time. Chamberlain has been chair-

against Paraguay in a World Cup qualifying match.
"I watch a lot of English football on television and

parable to a four-session mar-

athon at a venue in which

Hendry has emerged vic-torious in 14 of their 18 encounters and it will be an

upset of considerable propor-

tions if Wattana, who has

equalled a personal best at the

game's leading event by reach-ing the semi-finals, is to pre-vent the Scot from extending

Hendry perennially excels.

Chelsea's style of play im-presses me," he said. "I believe I'm well suited to the English game and I'm looking forward to playing alongside some great players."
Gullit's foreign contingent

continues to grow at pace, with Poyet joining Gianfranco Zola, Roberto Di Marteo and Gianluca Vialli, of Italy, and Frank Leboeuf, of France --Chelsea's most notable imports. Celestine Babayaro, 18, Anderlecht's Nigeria international, has also agreed to move to west London next season.



Poyet: free transfer

Chelsea win race to Robson fails in plea for helping hands

AS IF Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough player-manager, did not have enough worries, another crisis cropped up yesterday when Neil Cox, the club's right back, was told to prepare to play in goal against Aston Villa, his former club, in the FA Carling Premiership fixture at the Riverside Stadium tomorrow.

Robson, whose side face a daunting run-in, with the possibility of relegation at the end it, alerted Cox after discovering that the club's four specialist goalkeepers — Gary Walsh. Mark Schwarzer, Ben Roberts and Ben Cole - were injured. Although Middles-brough appealed to the Premier League for special permission to sign a goalkeeper on loan, the request

"The position is perfectly clear," a Premier League spokesman said. "You can't sign players after the transfer deadline and expect them to play in matches affecting the championship or relegation."

The Premier League fined the club ES0,000 and deducted three points in January after Middlesbrough failed to fulfil their game against Blackburn Rovers because Robson claimed he had too many

injured players. An appeal was later dismissed.

Cole, who has a broken hand, will not be able to play against Villa. Roberts, who has been struggling with an elbow injury, was sent home from training when the problem

"We're having to wrap Robwere naving to wrap kooerts in cotton wool in an effort
to get him fit," Robson said.
"If he doesn't make it, Cox
will have to play in goal. We
haven't put him through any
training because, when you've
cot four goallessees and got four goalkeepers and they're all out, you'd surely expect to be allowed to bring

someone in." Cox has no qualms about stepping into the breach. "No problem. I've done it before," he said. "I played one game as the selected goalkeeper for Scanthorpe and I once did 40 minutes for Villa." It is the first of four matches

for the FA Cup finalists in only nine days. "We can't use the excuse of tiredness, because we're fighting for survival," Cox said. "We need three points from every game and then we don't need tolook at others to help us out. Even though people say we're struggling, our confidence is still high. We can do it."

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